Archdiocesan Restructuring Workbook

Shrine of the Little Flower Parish

Royal Oak

Planning Area 9

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About the Workbook

There are three sections of this workbook, each one equips priests and key parish leaders with essential data about:

1) The Archdiocese of Detroit
2) Your planning area
3) Your parish

This workbook serves as a planning resource to support thoughtful reflection on the current strengths and future opportunities for ministry and evangelization within each planning area.

Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known as we restructure the parishes
and ministries of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others and in the world around us.

We know you are with us in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

Many parishes were built or grew in a time when Christian values and assumptions were the norm. Faith was inherited and the Church held cultural influence.

There is no doubt that the culture around us, both in the United States and locally in the Archdiocese of Detroit, has changed. The mission, however, has not; it has always been to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19)

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-perseveration.

Evangelii Gaudium, 27

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The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light, as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself.

Evangelii Gaudium, 27

Archdiocesan Restructuring Process

Why?

As we move forward on mission, we must first address the challenges of our changing culture, which include demographic and financial shifts, a decline in the practice of the faith, and fewer priests serving our archdiocese. These challenges have resulted in limited resources to serve, sustain, and grow the Church in Detroit.

How?

The Archdiocesan Restructuring process will examine the existing Families of Parishes structure, as well as the structure of the Curia, to discern how we can be structured and how our resources can be best aligned "for the evangelization of today's world rather than for [our] self-preservation" (Evangelii Gaudium, 27).

Archdiocesan Restructuring Challenges

Our Goal for Restructuring

Develop a new pastorate model authored by the Holy Spirit that establishes a vibrant Catholic presence in every area of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Vibrant Parishes

Gospel renewal in our parishes and other ministry efforts

Flourishing Priests

Priests flourishing in their ministry to parishes and the greater community

Mission Ready

Secure a vibrant future for the Church of Detroit

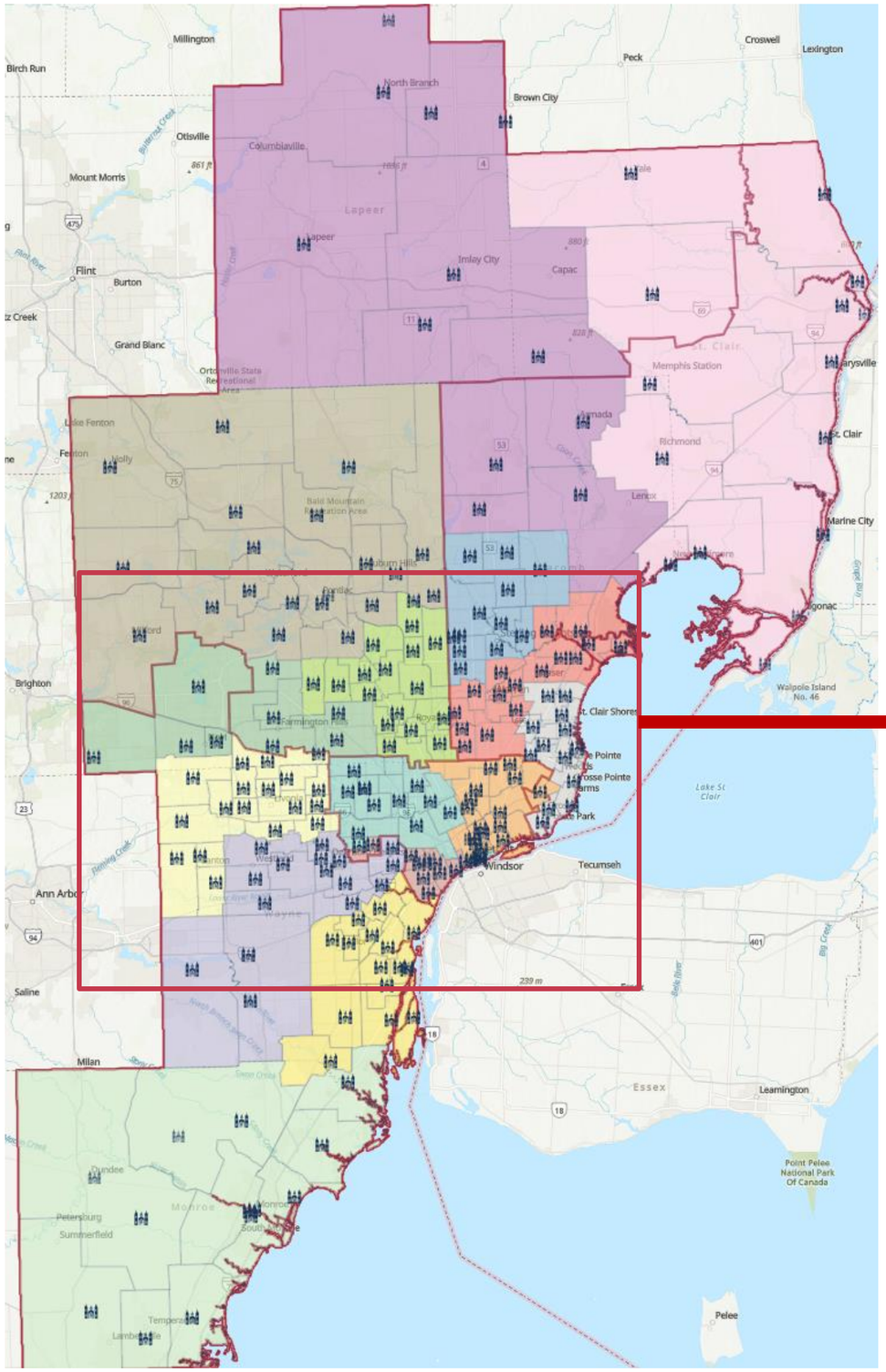
Section One

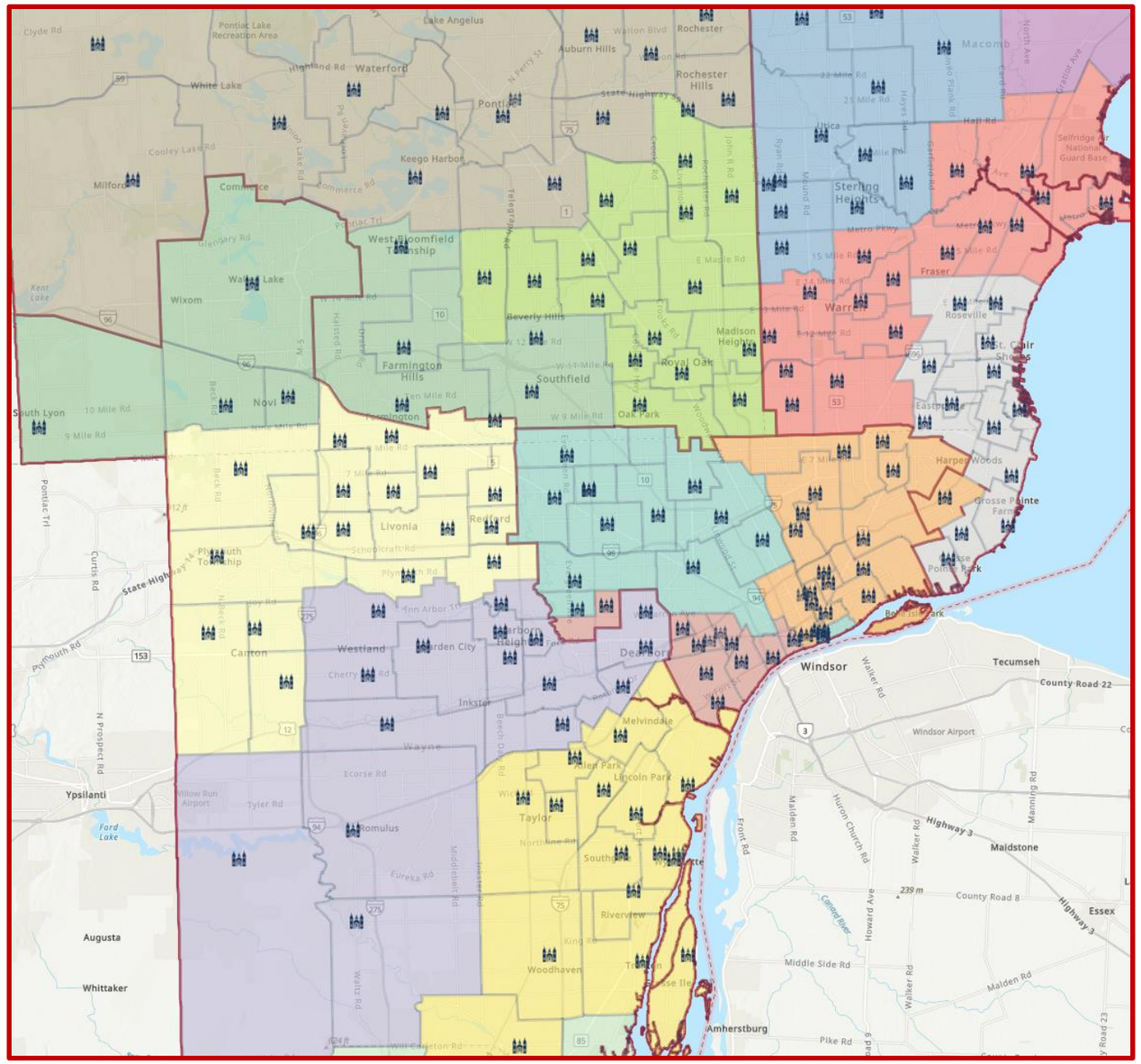
The Archdiocese of Detroit

About our Archdiocese

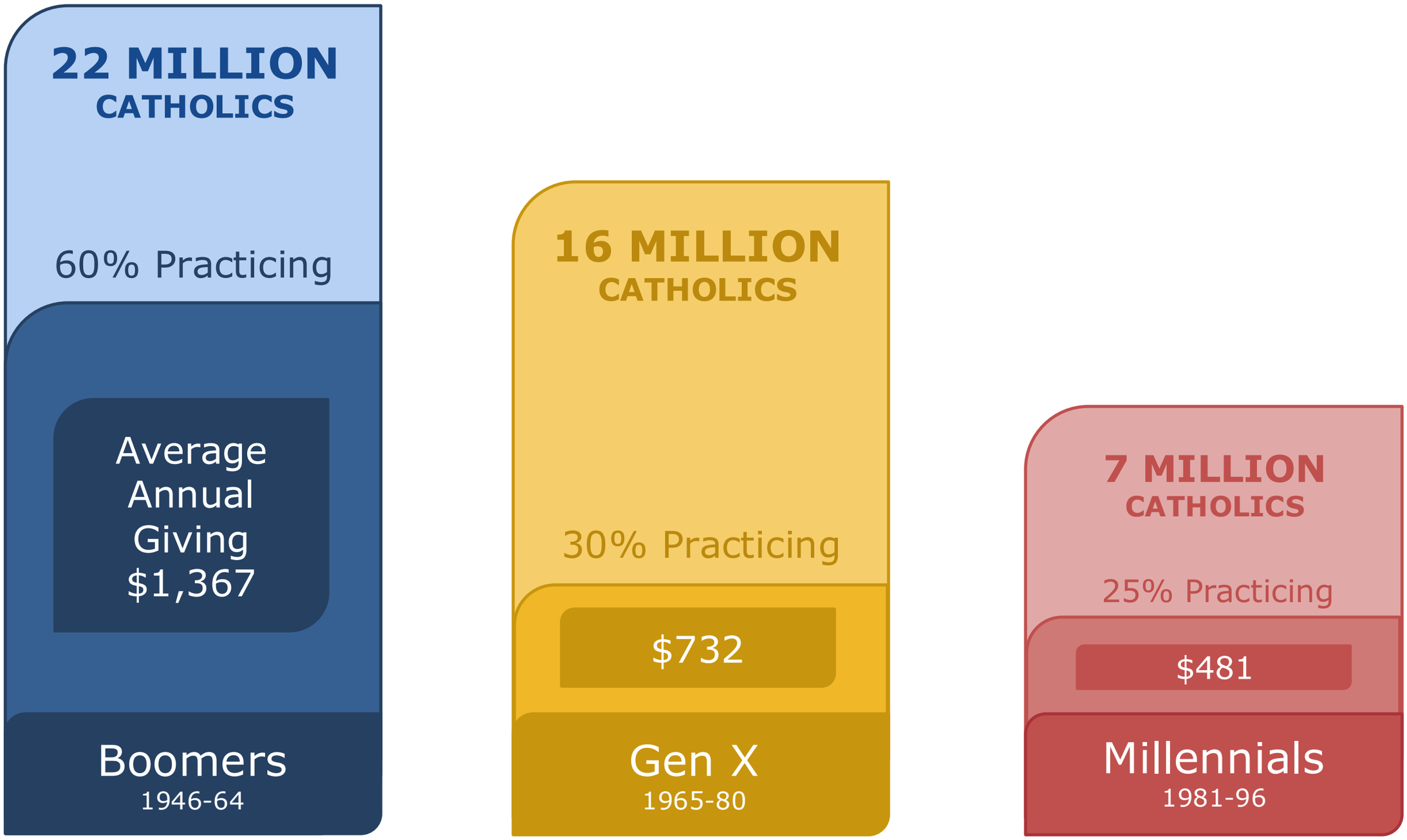
- The Archdiocese of Detroit is comprised of 209 parishes encompassing the City of Detroit and six surrounding counties – a large and diverse territory: urban, suburban and rural.
- Our local church has been declining for several decades as older Catholics move or die and there are insufficient number of young Catholics to take their place.
- This is best exemplified by the significant decline in the number of births and baptisms in our diocese.
- As our Catholic population has moved from the city to the near suburbs and from the near suburbs to the farther out suburbs, this has resulted in too few priests in large parishes and too many priests in small parishes.
- Our diocesan priests are aging and the number of priests to serve our Catholic population is declining.
- Over the past decade, Mass attendance has been on a steady decline. Despite a rebound from 2020 to 2024, Mass attendance remains 14.7% below pre-COVID levels.
- The current average rate of Mass attendance decline each year across the Archdiocese is 4%.

Our Territory for Evangelization



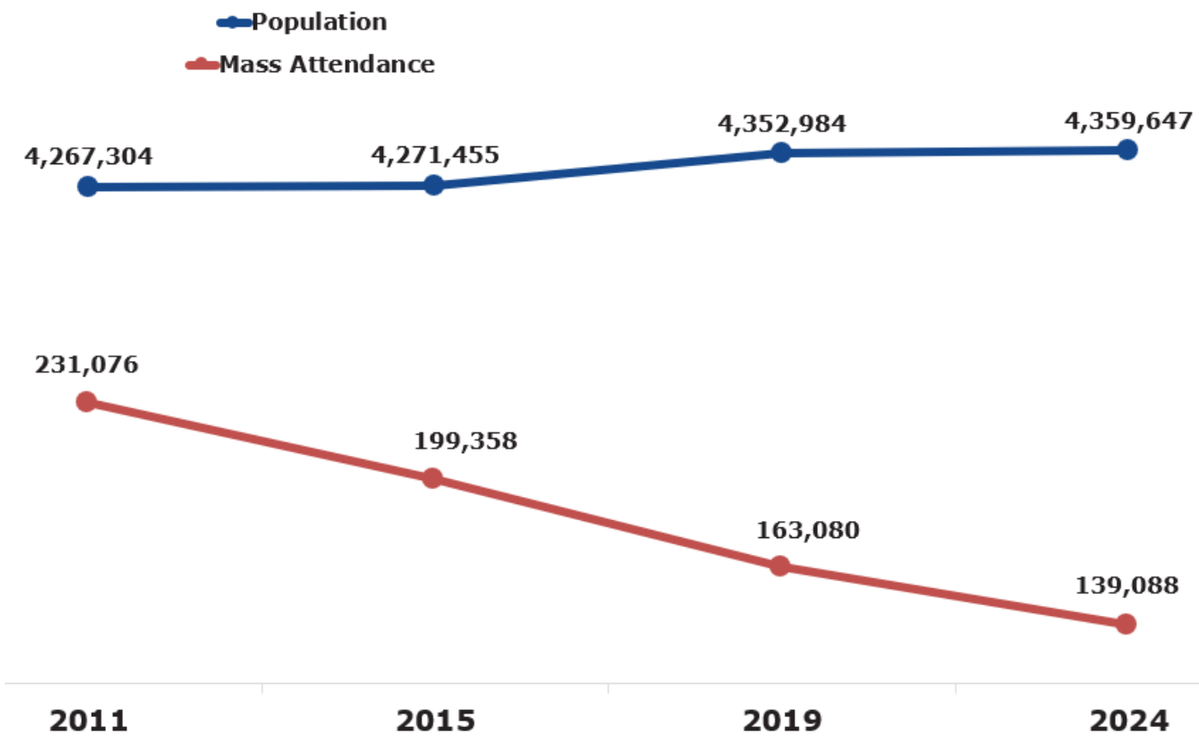


Nationally, Practice and Generosity are Declining with Each Generation



Source: Catholic Leadership Institute | CARA | Pew Research

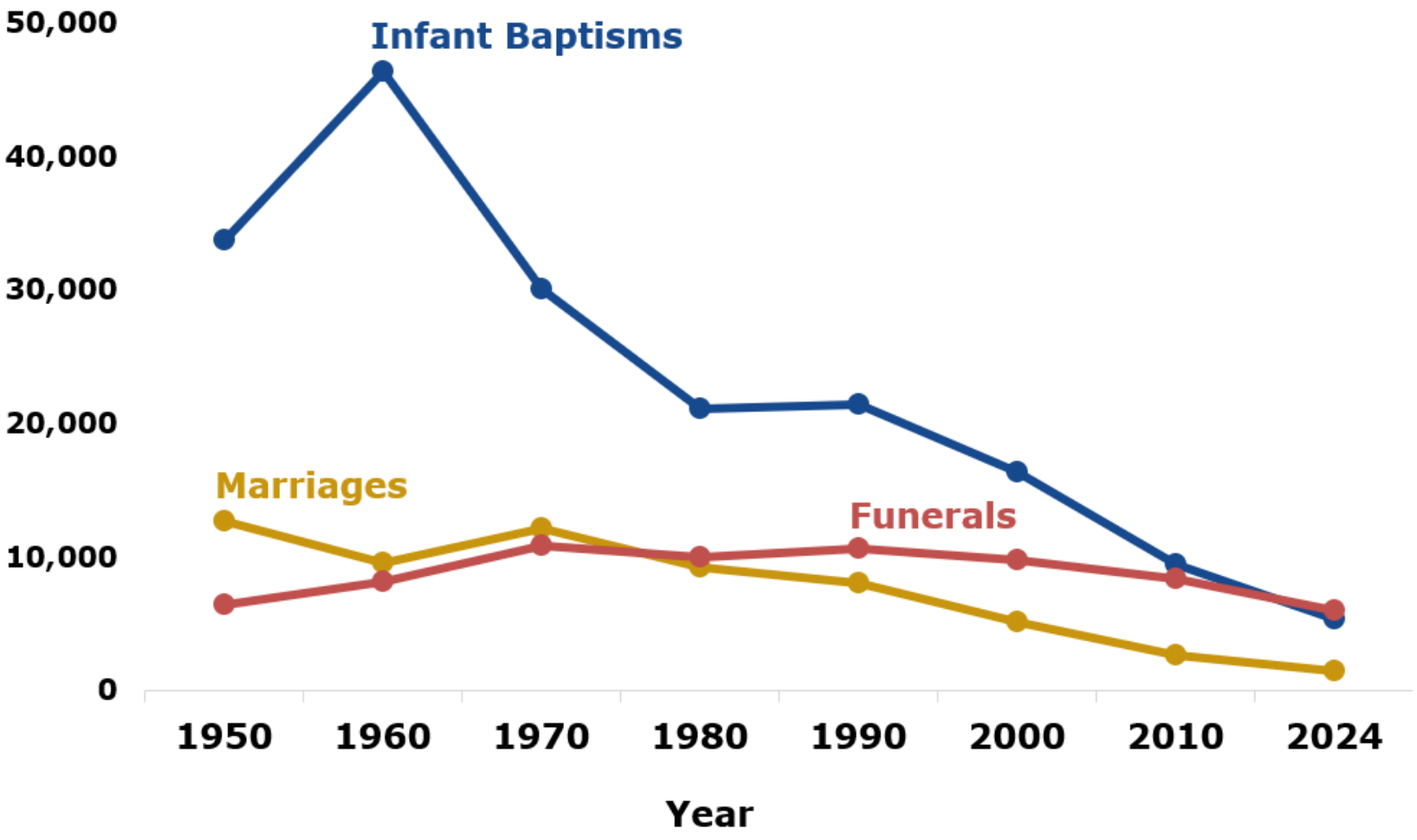
As Greater Detroit Population Grows, Regular Mass Attendance Continues to Decline



Population Source: Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency

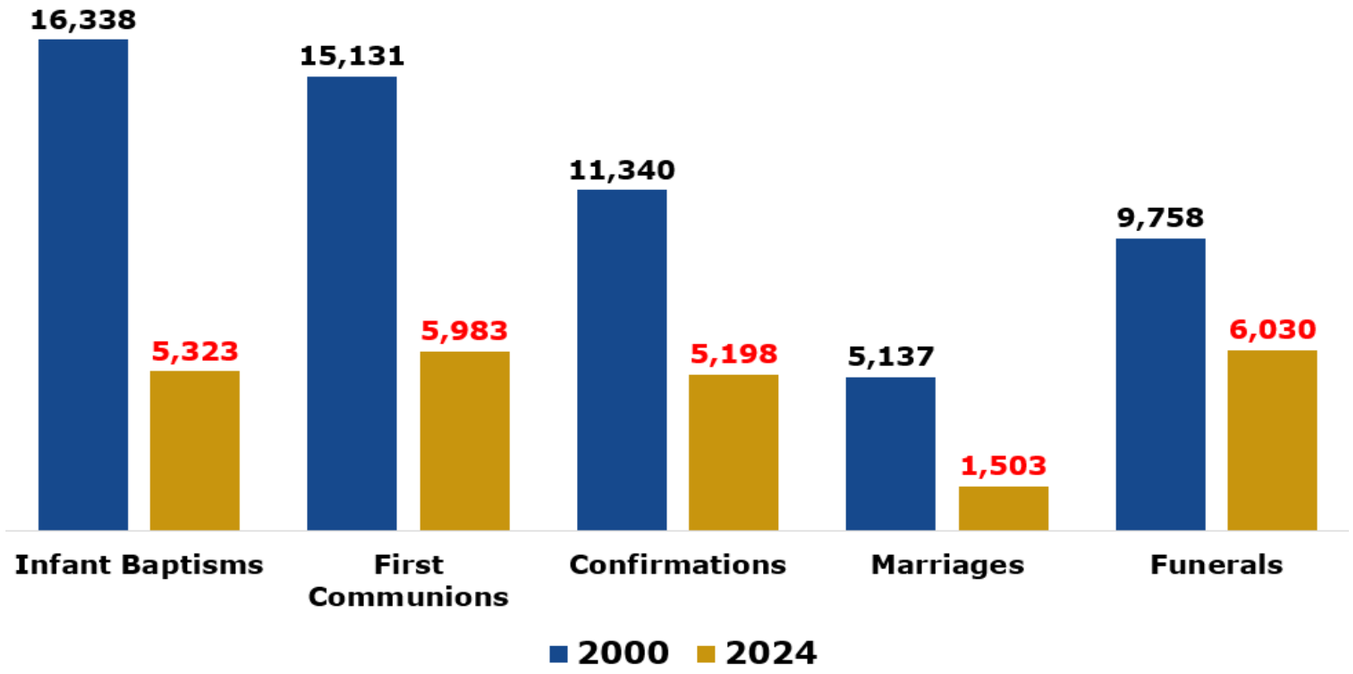
- **Mass attendance has declined by nearly 92,000 people since 2011, dropping from 231,076 to 139,088 by 2024 – a 40% decrease in just 13 years.**
- The decline is persistent across every period, not a one-time drop:
  - 2011 -> 2015: down 31,718 (-13.7%)
  - 2015 -> 2019: down 36,278 (-18.2%)
  - 2019 -> 2024: down 23,993 (-14.7%)
- On average, Mass attendance has fallen by about 4% per year, meaning roughly 1 in every 25 regular attendees is lost annually if the trend continues.
- At the current rate of decline, one-third of today's Mass-attending Catholics will no longer be attending within the next decade.
- In 2024, only 29% of pews were occupied across the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Our Church is Growing Older, Not Younger



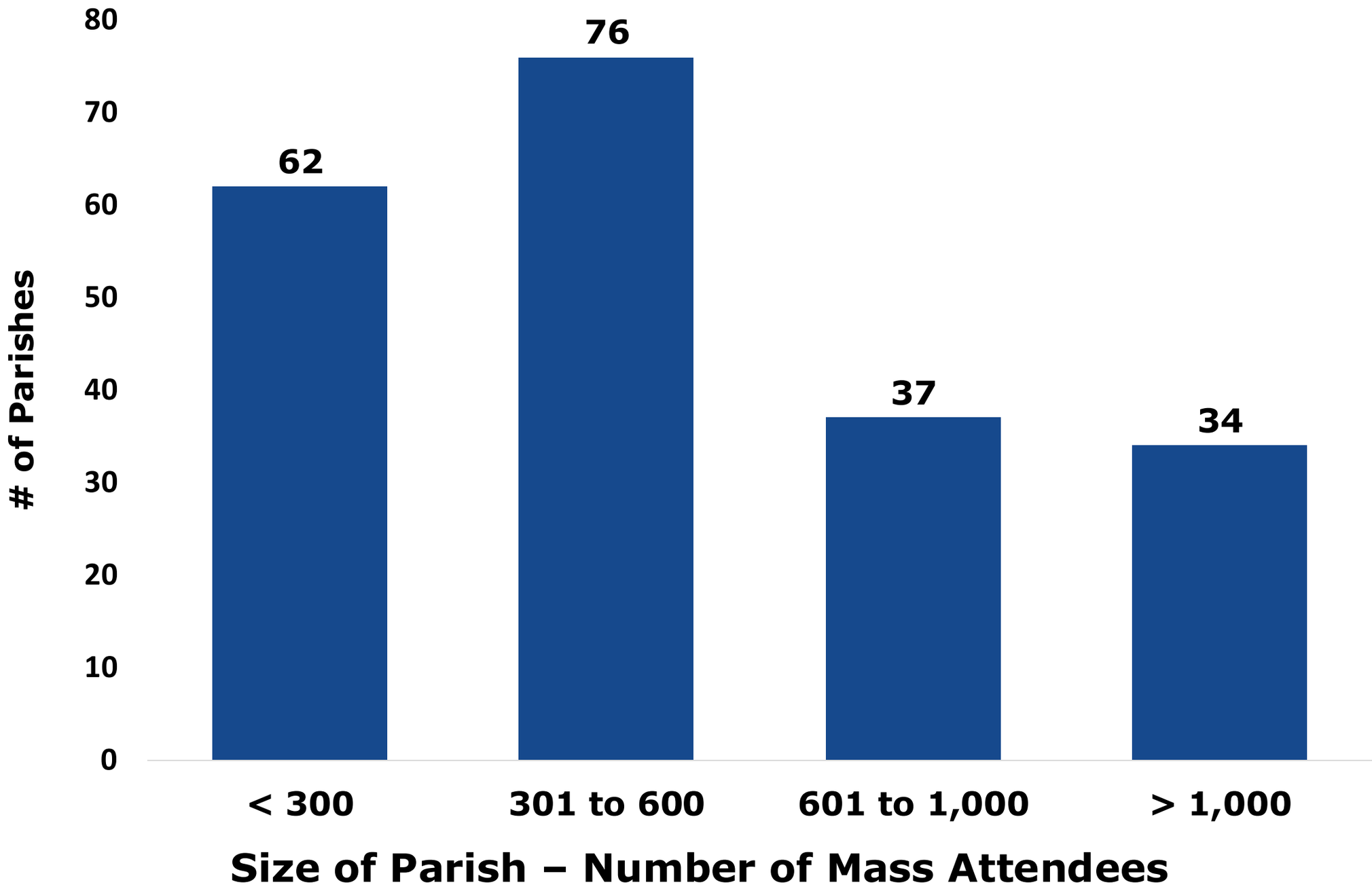
- Infant baptisms have declined the most dramatically—by roughly 60-70% from peak to present, showing a sharp and sustained drop after an early high point and signaling a major contraction in new families entering the Church sacramentally.
- Marriages have fallen by approximately 40-50% over the period shown, with a brief early increase followed by a steady, long-term decline, ending at their lowest level in the most recent year.
- Funerals have remained comparatively stable, fluctuating within roughly a 10-20% range, before tapering downward—indicating that overall sacramental life is increasingly weighted toward later stages of life rather than beginnings.

Funerals Now Exceed All Other Sacraments

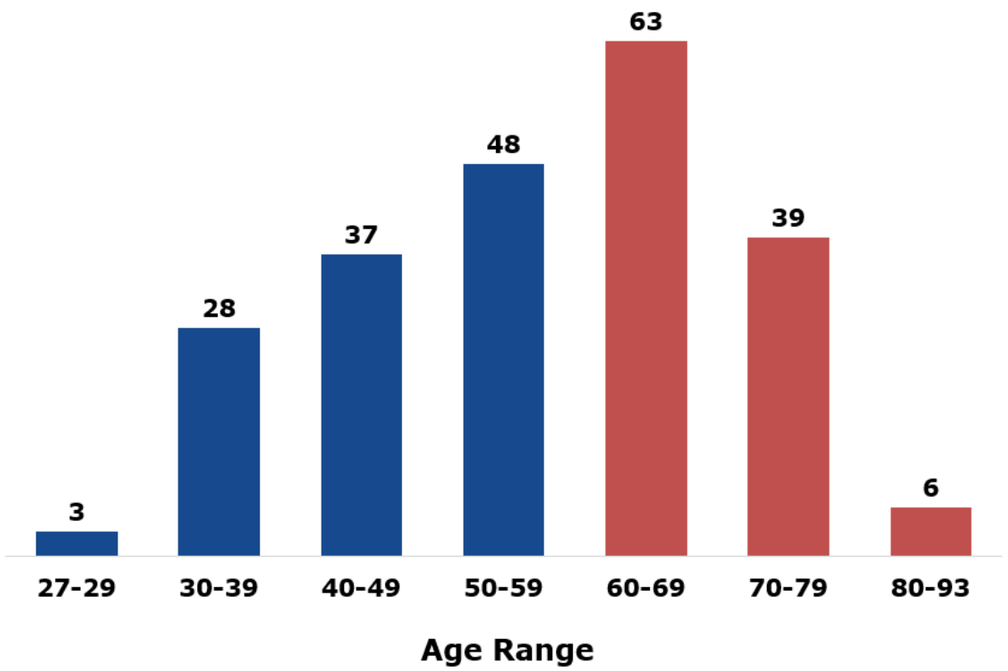


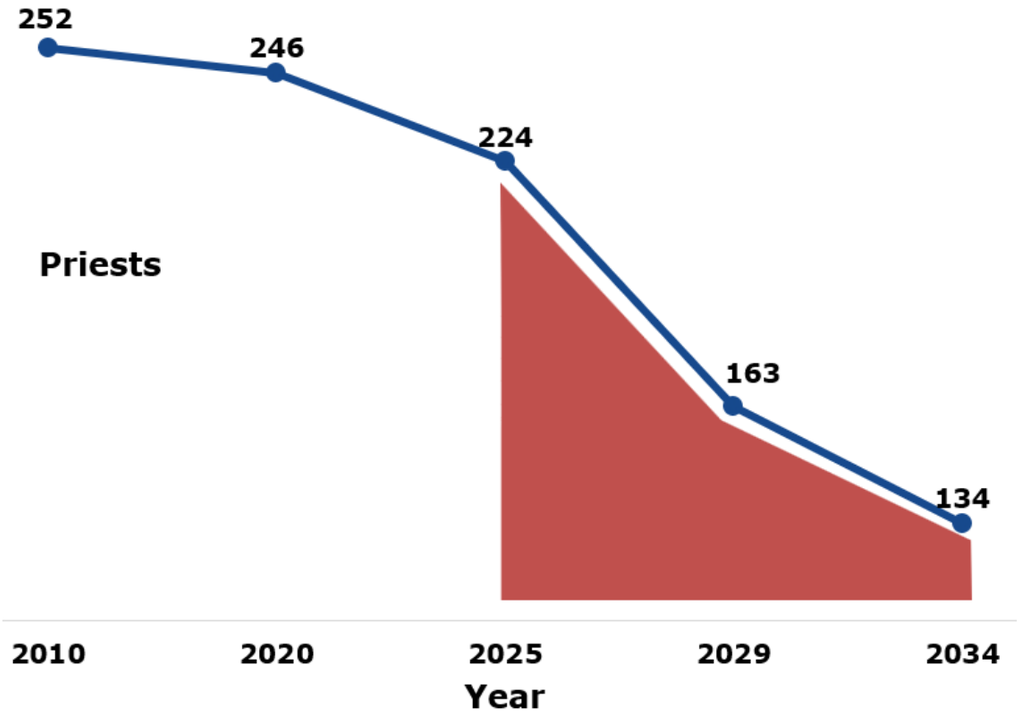
- Funerals now exceed every other sacrament at roughly 6,000 annually, surpassing baptisms, marriages, and confirmations individually.
- Baptisms and marriages remain at or below 5,000 per year, reinforcing earlier trends showing fewer people entering and forming within the Church.
- Sacramental life is increasingly concentrated at end-of-life, reflecting an aging Catholic population and a shrinking pipeline of new participants.

Today, 138 Parishes of 209 Have Under 600 Regular Mass Attendees



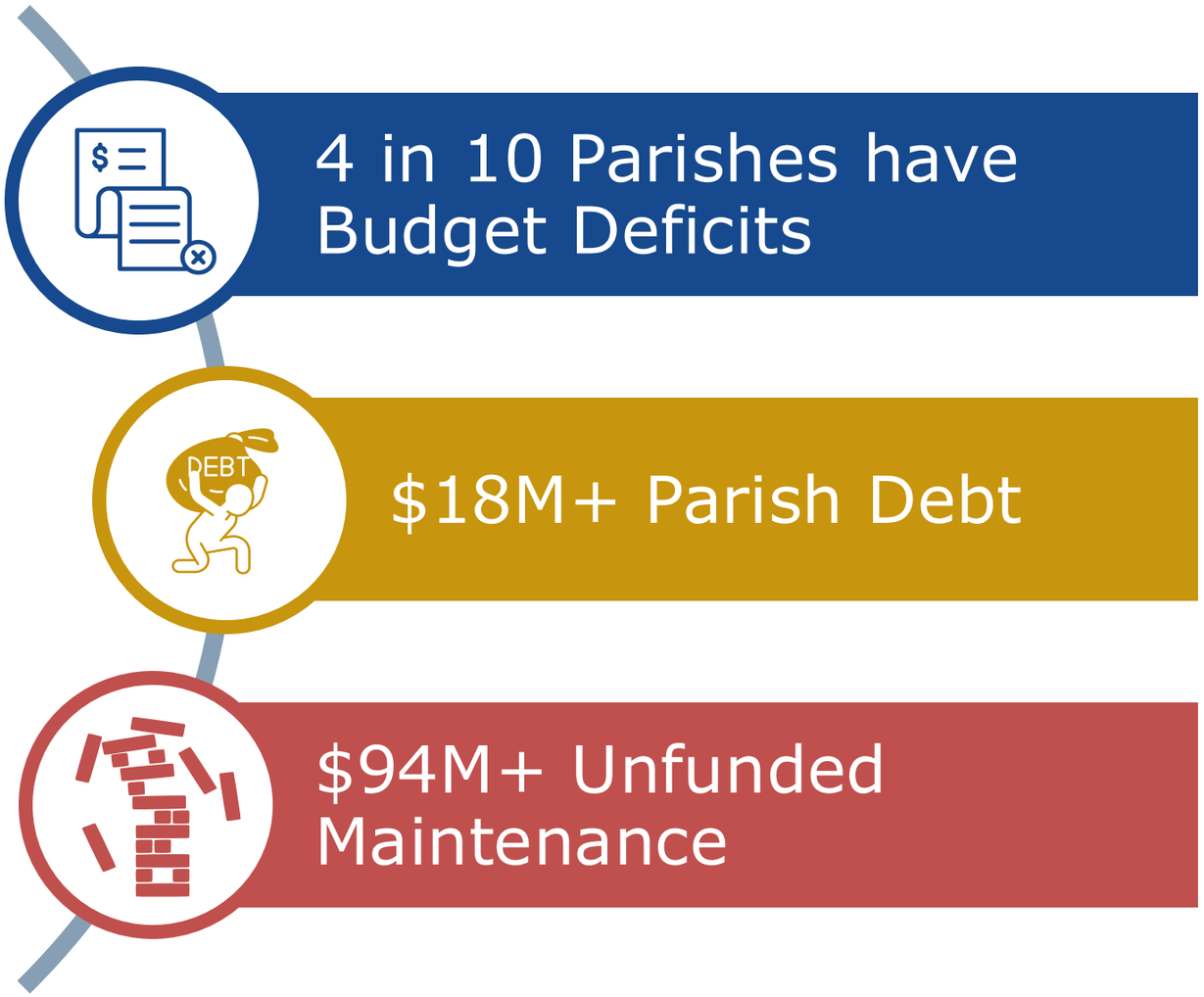
Projected Priest Supply Will Not Meet Demand





- Priests may retire from parish ministry at age 70 and must take senior status after age 80, which significantly reduces the future pool of available priests.
- The number of diocesan priests is projected to decline by roughly 25-30% over the next decade, while the diocese must continue to serve 209 parishes.
- As priests reach retirement age (70), projected supply falls below the total number of parishes, eliminating the feasibility of one priest per parish.
- The projected shortfall is equivalent to dozens of parish assignments, before accounting for parishes that require 2-3 priests.

Heavy Financial Burdens Limit Parish Freedom for Ministry and Evangelization



- With 4 in 10 parishes operating at a deficit, a growing share of parish leadership time and resources is focused on covering shortfalls rather than advancing pastoral mission.
- More than $18 million in parish debt and $94 million in unfunded maintenance are tying parish finances to buildings and past decisions instead of present evangelization and ministry.
- Financial strain increasingly directs parish energy toward sustaining facilities, limiting the capacity to invest in people, formation, and outreach central to the Church's mission.

Section Two

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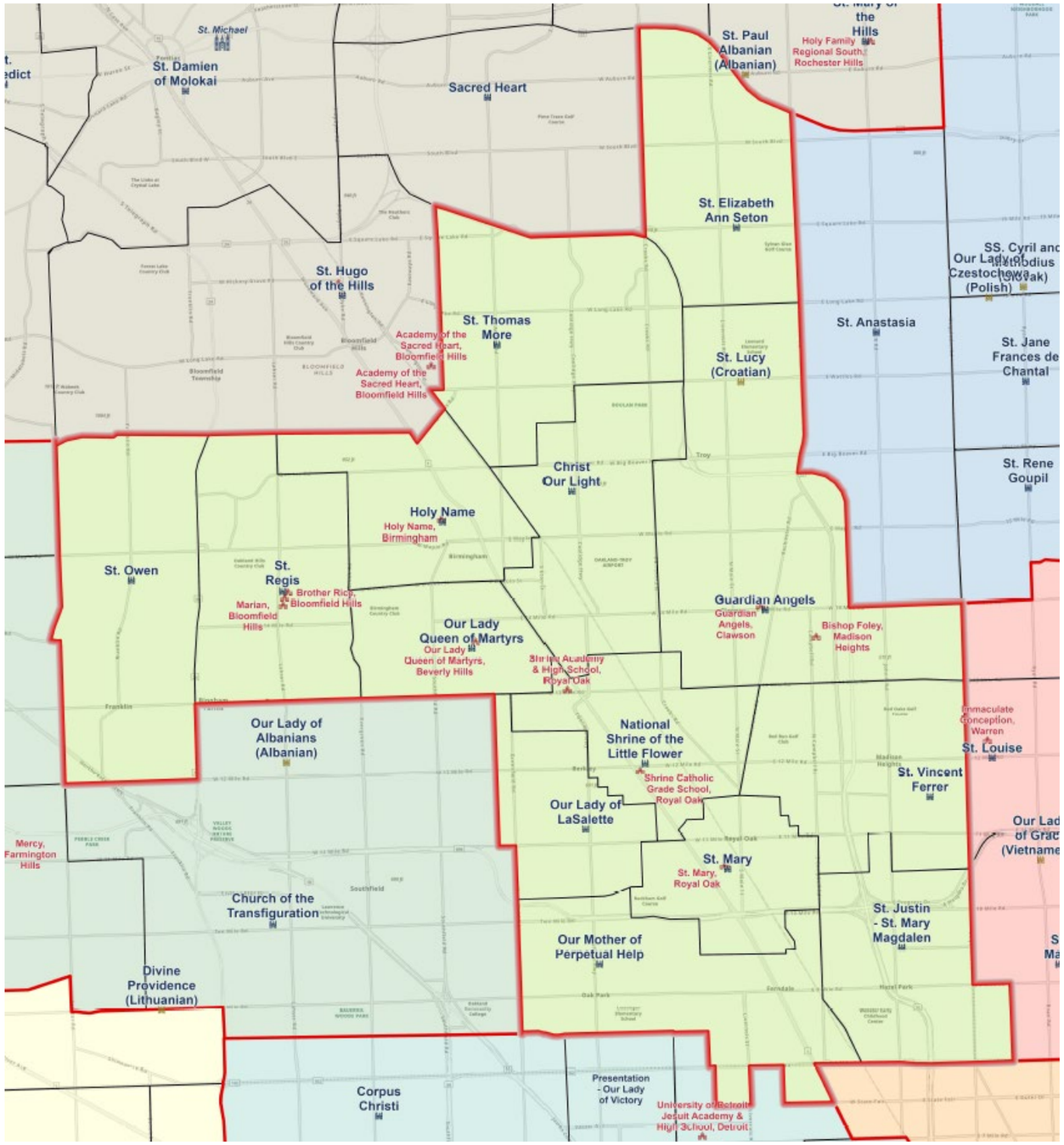


About Our Planning Area

- The planning area is located within Oakland County. On the eastern side, its boundaries run north–south from M-59 to Eight Mile Road and east–west, it runs from Southfield Road to Dequindre Road with a section in the center extending to Inkster Road in the east.

- This planning area falls within the Northwest Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

- The area includes 14 territorial parishes and 1 personal parish with a total of 15 worship sites and 7 schools. It is currently served by 15 Archdiocesan priests and 2 Religious/Extern priests.

- The planning area spans roughly 15 miles north to south, about a 30-minute drive from end to end. Parishes and church buildings are located close to one another, with only about 3 miles between many of the buildings.

Demographic Trends

- Total population has remained steady, up only 2% since 2010.
- Registered Catholic households have decreased 24% since 2010.
- 5.0 % of total households in the area are registered Catholic, which is equivalent to the archdiocesan average of 5%.
- Median age is 40.3 years (up 1 year since 2010).
- Median household income in the area is $98,520, higher than the archdiocesan average of $72,109.
- The area’s racial makeup has become more diverse, with the diversity index rising from 38 to 50 (+12 points) since 2010.

US Census Data

Parish Name	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black/African American	Hispanic /Latino	Native American	Other Race	Two or More Races	White
Christ Our Light Parish	26.2%	5.5%	2.6%	0.1%	0.8%	5.0%	62.4%
Guardian Angels Parish	14.4%	7.4%	4.2%	0.4%	1.2%	6.2%	70.5%
Holy Name Parish	3.7%	2.0%	4.2%	0.1%	0.2%	5.3%	88.7%
Our Lady of La Salette Parish	2.7%	7.5%	3.0%	0.2%	1.5%	8.2%	80.0%
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish	2.8%	6.2%	3.0%	0.0%	0.6%	6.6%	83.8%
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	2.4%	42.0%	2.4%	0.1%	2.7%	5.1%	47.6%
Shrine of the Little Flower Parish	2.2%	9.8%	2.4%	0.0%	0.4%	5.1%	82.5%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	15.8%	3.6%	3.5%	0.0%	0.6%	6.2%	73.8%
St. Justin - St. Mary Magdalen Parish	3.2%	11.2%	5.6%	1.3%	2.4%	7.3%	74.6%
St. Mary Parish	3.3%	3.5%	4.8%	0.0%	0.9%	5.8%	86.6%
St. Owen Parish	5.9%	21.7%	4.6%	0.3%	1.5%	6.9%	63.8%
St. Regis Parish	5.4%	3.7%	3.6%	0.1%	0.8%	6.6%	83.3%
St. Thomas More Parish	18.2%	2.5%	2.4%	0.1%	1.9%	4.9%	72.4%
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish	5.8%	3.3%	3.1%	0.2%	1.2%	4.1%	85.4%

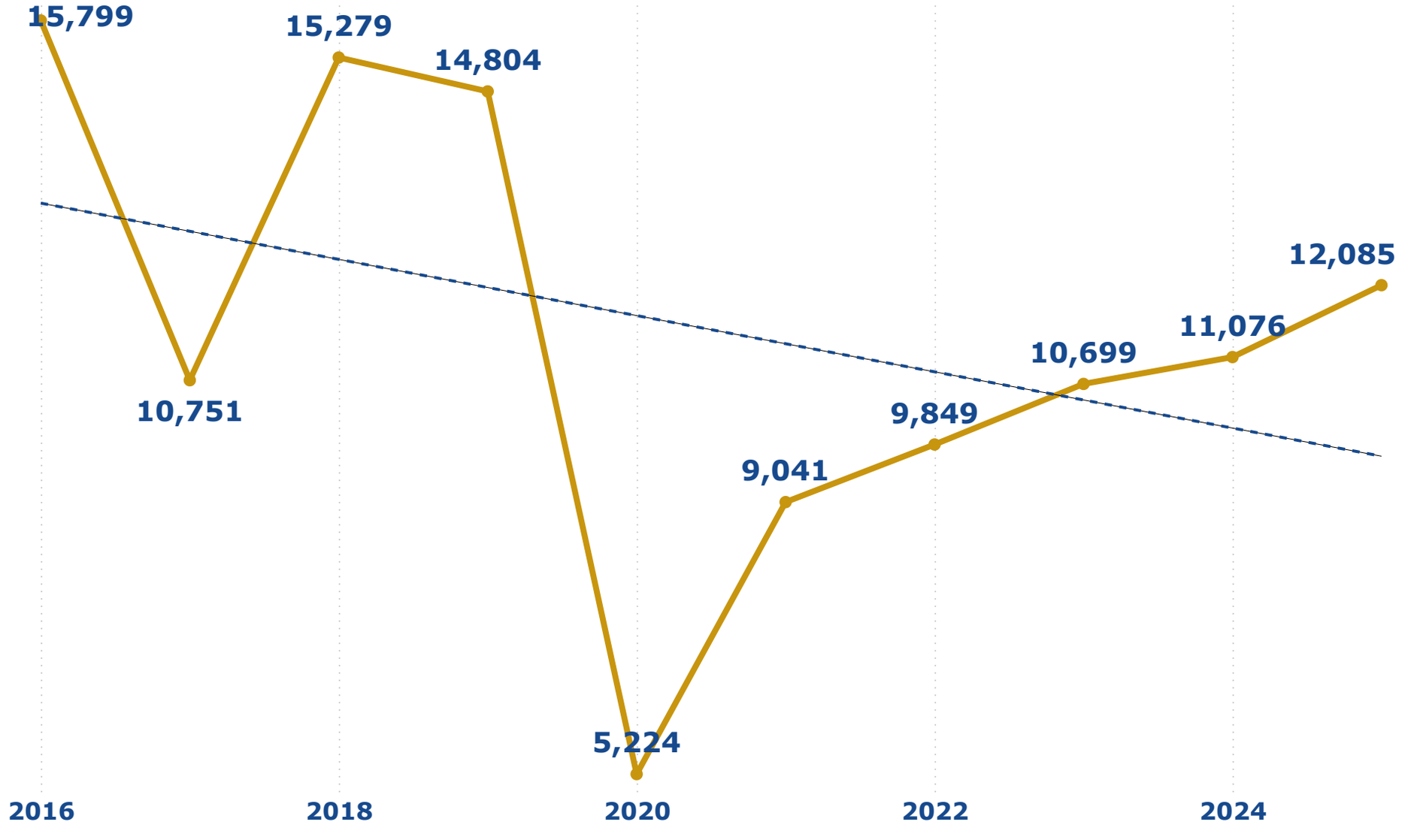
Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

US Census Data

Parish Name	Under Age 5	Age 5-19	Age 20-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-54	Age 55-64	Age 65+
Christ Our Light Parish	4.8%	17.4%	7.1%	19.4%	27.9%	10.3%	13.1%
Guardian Angels Parish	3.6%	14.0%	8.3%	19.9%	23.9%	13.4%	17.0%
Holy Name Parish	8.1%	19.1%	2.3%	7.0%	28.8%	15.6%	19.1%
Our Lady of La Salette Parish	7.0%	15.7%	3.2%	21.2%	24.6%	11.9%	16.5%
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish	6.7%	19.9%	2.3%	10.6%	27.1%	15.1%	18.3%
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	5.0%	11.9%	5.1%	22.7%	29.4%	11.1%	14.7%
Shrine of the Little Flower Parish	5.8%	14.1%	5.7%	14.4%	28.6%	13.8%	17.5%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	7.2%	16.7%	4.1%	10.4%	26.6%	14.4%	20.6%
St. Justin - St. Mary Magdalen Parish	4.2%	13.1%	6.4%	22.6%	28.4%	11.9%	13.4%
St. Mary Parish	4.9%	11.0%	6.3%	21.0%	28.9%	12.5%	15.3%
St. Owen Parish	3.3%	19.5%	5.0%	9.1%	24.7%	14.1%	24.3%
St. Regis Parish	5.9%	20.4%	2.9%	4.6%	28.7%	14.7%	22.8%
St. Thomas More Parish	4.3%	21.6%	4.1%	5.4%	26.0%	16.0%	22.6%
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish	4.6%	13.1%	5.8%	20.7%	24.7%	13.6%	17.4%

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

Planning Area Mass Count Trend



Mass Count and Capacity (2024)

Parish Name	Worship Sites	Mass Count	Weekend Masses	Seating Capacity	Seating Capacity per Mass*
Shrine of the Little Flower Parish	1	2,034	6	2,000	17%
Christ Our Light Parish	1	1,403	4	420	84%
Holy Name Parish	1	1,190	4	750	40%
Guardian Angels Parish	1	1,074	3	600	60%
St. Mary Parish	1	977	3	600	54%
St. Regis Parish	1	835	4	1,000	21%
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish	1	729	4	800	23%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	1	698	3	817	28%
St. Owen Parish	1	630	3	900	23%
St. Thomas More Parish	1	441	3	750	20%
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	1	279	2	400	35%
St. Justin - St. Mary Magdalen Parish	1	236	2	400	30%
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish	1	233	2	500	23%
Our Lady of La Salette Parish	1	220	2	950	12%
St. Lucy (Croatian) Parish	1	97	2	350	14%

*(Seating Capacity × Weekend Masses) ÷ Total Mass Count

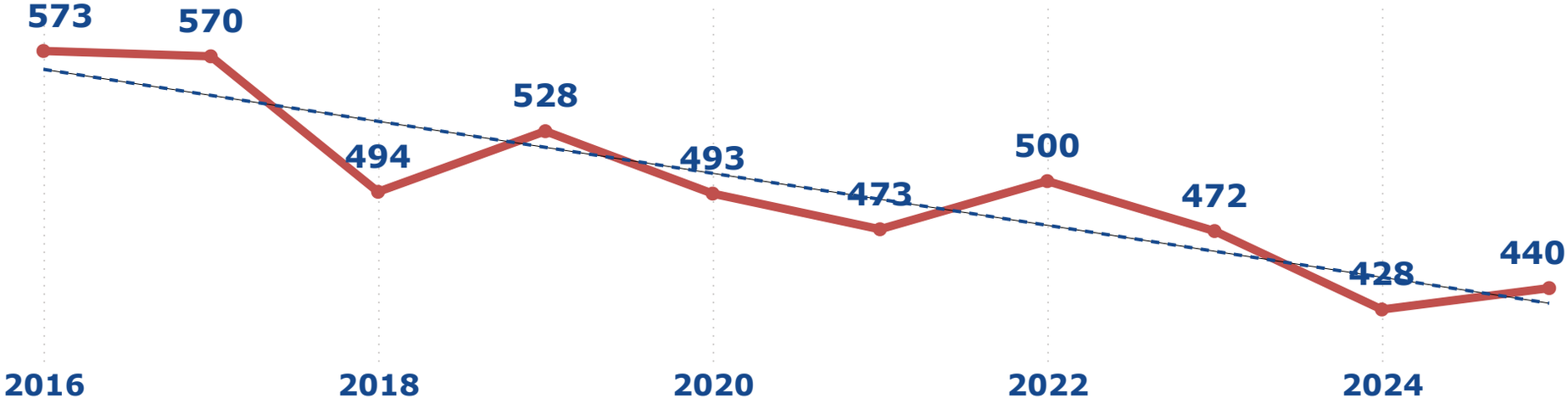
Where Parishioners Live

Parish Name	Within Parish Boundary	Within Parish (%)	Within Region Boundary	Within Region (%)	Outside Region Boundary	Outside Region (%)
Christ Our Light Parish	316	27%	782	67%	65	6%
Guardian Angels Parish	413	46%	375	42%	108	12%
Holy Name Parish	912	32%	1,761	61%	220	8%
Our Lady of La Salette Parish	399	68%	174	29%	18	3%
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish	449	48%	457	49%	21	2%
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	187	50%	138	37%	51	14%
Shrine of the Little Flower Parish	1,056	25%	2,518	59%	710	17%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	257	39%	353	53%	57	9%
St. Justin - St. Mary Magdalen Parish	153	57%	45	17%	69	26%
St. Lucy (Croatian) Parish			60	35%	113	65%
St. Mary Parish	359	29%	791	65%	71	6%
St. Owen Parish	361	48%	375	50%	16	2%
St. Regis Parish	407	38%	602	57%	56	5%
St. Thomas More Parish	494	47%	538	51%	30	3%
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish	344	52%	123	18%	198	30%

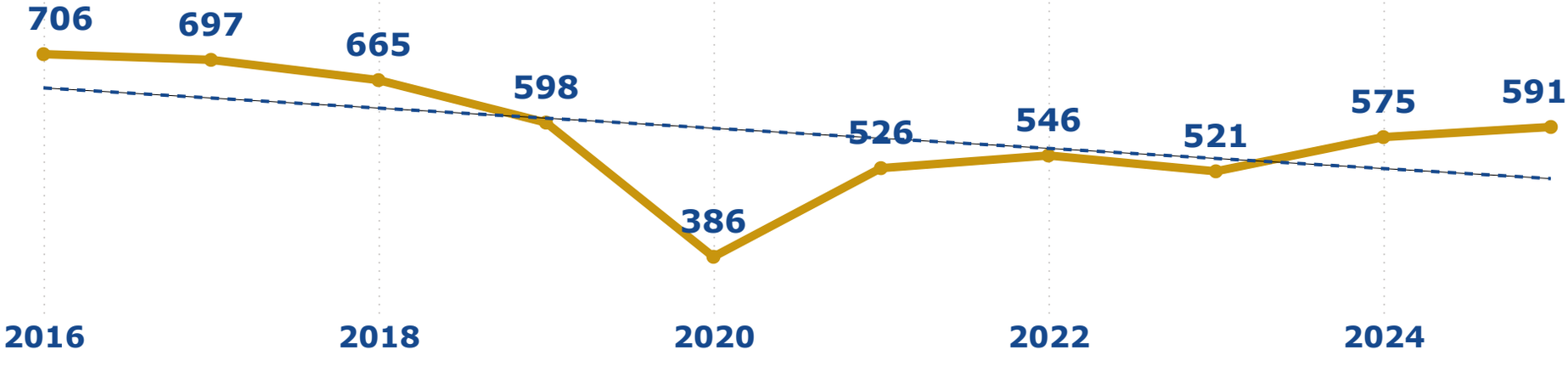
Region references the four administrative areas of the AOD-Central, South, Northwest, Northeast

Planning Area Baptisms and Funerals

Funerals



Baptisms



Sacramental Activity (2024)

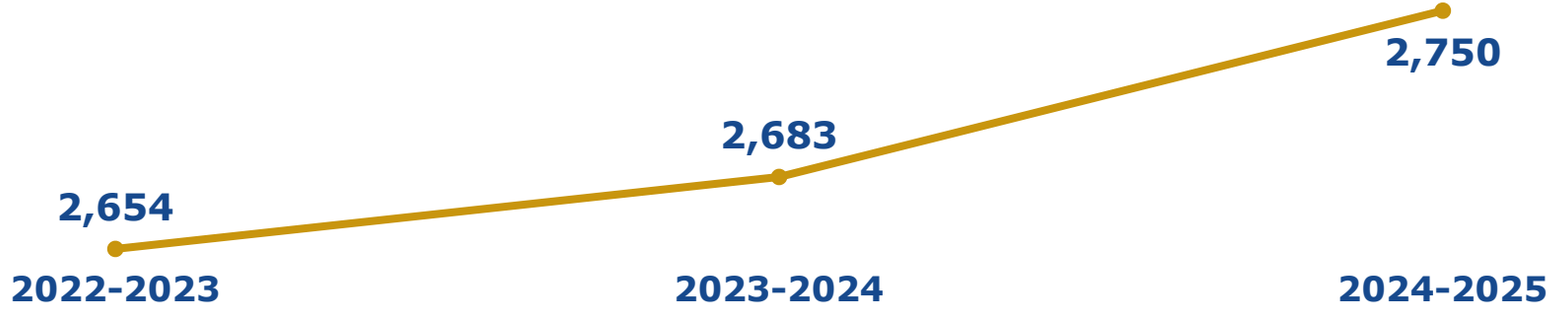
Parish Name	Funerals	Baptisms	Marriages	Confirmations	First Communions	OCIA*
Shrine of the Little Flower Parish	52	125	31	117	82	44
Holy Name Parish	48	115	19	80	88	15
St. Mary Parish	28	77	21	51	48	7
Guardian Angels Parish	55	59	9	34	45	4
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish	22	51	9	67	49	10
Christ Our Light Parish	36	47	11	11	25	8
St. Regis Parish	32	27	5	37	72	3
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	31	14	5	0	0	0
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	25	13	4	10	15	9
St. Owen Parish	11	13	0	13	18	2
Our Lady of La Salette Parish	21	12	1	1	0	0
St. Justin - St. Mary Magdalen Parish	17	9	1	0	3	2
St. Thomas More Parish	31	8	1	22	10	0
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish	19	5	1	3	6	1
St. Lucy (Croatian) Parish	0	0	0	0	0	0

*OCIA includes adult baptisms, communions, and confirmations.

Planning Area School Enrollment

Parish and School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Guardian Angels Parish			
Guardian Angels Catholic School	271	294	334
Holy Name Parish			
Holy Name Catholic School	341	354	361
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish			
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School	303	305	359
Shrine of the Little Flower Parish			
Shrine Catholic Academy and High School	458	430	420
Shrine Catholic Elementary School	504	518	493
St. Mary Parish			
St. Mary Catholic School - Royal Oak	299	296	315
St. Regis Parish			
St. Regis Catholic School	478	486	468

School Enrollment Trend



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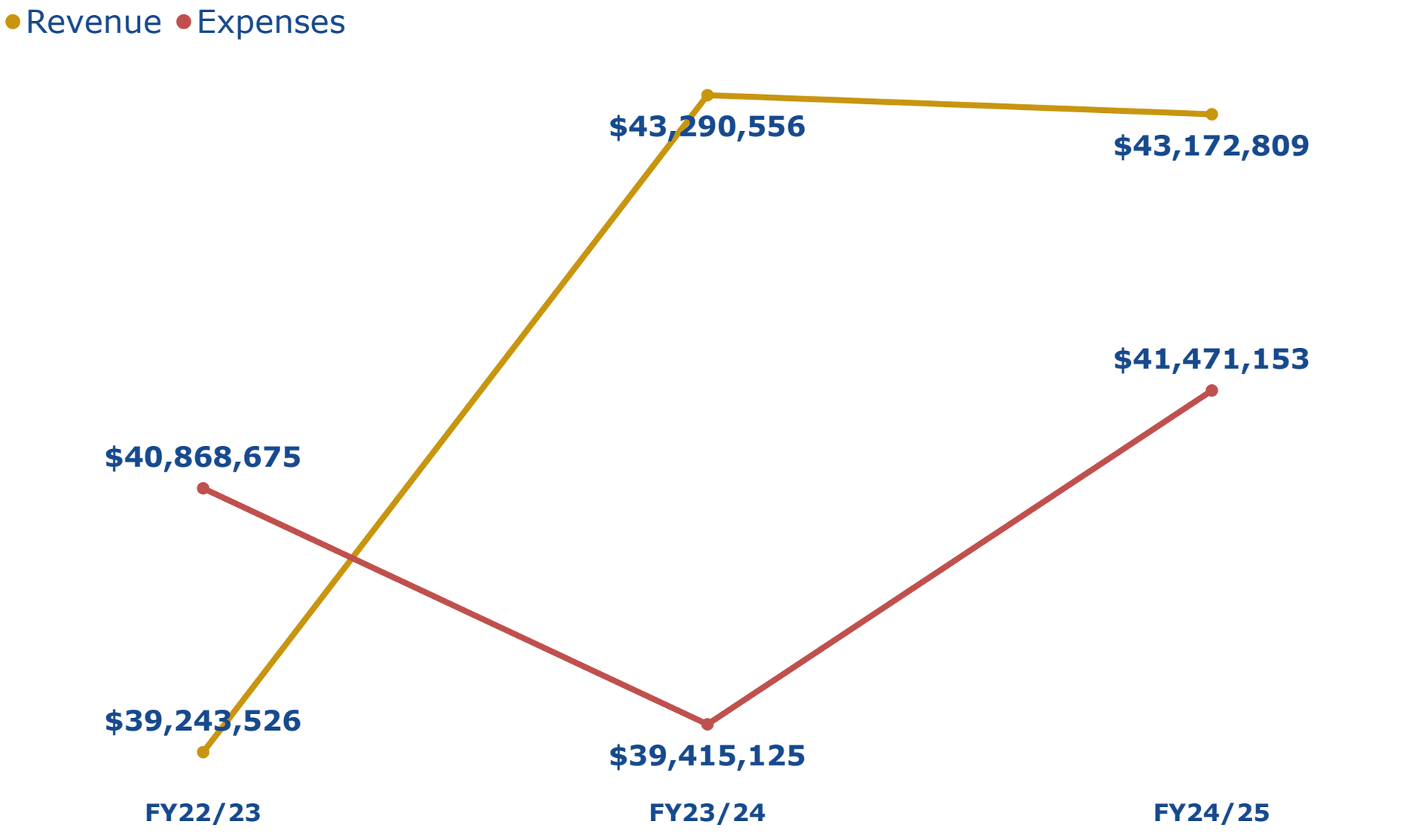
Financial information as reported by Intacct on June 30th of the last three fiscal years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). If a data point is zero (0), then the parish experiences zero or did not submit information.

Collections: Funds received as weekly offerings (envelopes, online, loose), Christmas, Holy Days and other marked offerings given.
Other Revenue: All other Operating and Non-Operating funds received, such as donations, event fees, and interest.
Salary & Benefits Expense: Costs related to employee compensation, including wages, payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, and other benefits.
Contractor Expense: Costs related to contractors providing a service to the parish/school, such as Administrative Services and Janitorial.
Facilities Expense: Costs related to building expenses, utilities, and telecommunications.
Other Expense: All other operating expenses not included in the previous categories.
Capital Expense: Costs related to major repairs, renovations and other major building related purchases.
Net Income: Total Revenue minus Total Expenses (includes both Operating and Non-Operating).
Parish Subsidy: Calculated based on the net loss for the school operating unit (Elementary and/or High School).
Parish Tuition Scholarships: Funds donated to an external Catholic school for the purpose of student scholarships.
Cash: The reconciled checking account balance.
Unrestricted Savings: The sum of the unrestricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Endowments: Long-Term investments for the purpose of generating interest income to support operations over time. The endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution.
Donor Restricted Trust: The sum of the restricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Bills Due: Amounts owed to vendors for goods and services received/ordered by not yet paid for.
Payable Loans: Amounts owed to lenders or financial institutions (Archdiocese of Detroit) that must be repaid over time, often with interest.
Other Liabilities: Other amounts owed by the parish/school, including any tuition collected prior to the start of the school year.

Planning Area Financial Trend



Revenue Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Collections	Rental Income	Fundraising	Tuition & Fees	Other	Total Revenue
Christ Our Light Parish	$1,418,326	$0	$0	$17,433	$137,085	$1,572,844
Guardian Angels Parish	$855,550	$34,149	$164,391	$1,814,777	$334,284	$3,203,150
Holy Name Parish	$1,658,359	$24,908	$454,214	$2,799,399	$776,686	$5,713,566
Our Lady of La Salette Parish	$416,341	$34,595	$57,042	$1,197	$28,920	$538,095
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish	$1,188,527	$0	$644,259	$2,733,569	$810,174	$5,376,528
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	$177,468	$97,950	$112,239	$0	$199,951	$587,608
Shrine of the Little Flower Parish	$2,284,281	$155,675	$1,280,151	$6,830,651	$1,860,733	$12,411,491
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	$842,783	$0	$255,401	$8,825	$109,412	$1,216,422
St. Justin - St. Mary Magdalen Parish	$164,226	$8,797	$48,819	$125	$9,144	$231,111
St. Lucy (Croatian) Parish	$109,121	$80,379	$67,856	$0	$21,393	$278,750
St. Mary Parish	$1,098,951	$18,049	$230,586	$1,784,203	$235,637	$3,367,425
St. Owen Parish	$759,348	$0	$41,250	$24,310	$65,419	$890,327
St. Regis Parish	$882,227	$6,199	$898,385	$3,650,204	$583,428	$6,020,443
St. Thomas More Parish	$913,192	$300	$44,941	$13,566	$51,755	$1,023,755
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish	$379,232	$212,298	$36,838	$1,575	$111,352	$741,296

Expense Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Salary & Benefits	Contractors	Facilities	Other	Capital Expenditures	Total Expenses
Christ Our Light Parish	$714,140	$46,009	$196,781	$340,574	$152,800	$1,450,305
Guardian Angels Parish	$1,938,026	$104,048	$444,731	$405,239	$324,647	$3,216,691
Holy Name Parish	$2,918,343	$421,713	$851,353	$1,070,527	$828,319	$6,090,255
Our Lady of La Salette Parish	$281,337	$25,376	$167,998	$111,081	$249,154	$834,946
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish	$2,862,922	$43,708	$747,455	$610,188	$170,199	$4,434,472
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	$154,320	$50,922	$163,807	$40,276	$28,215	$437,541
Shrine of the Little Flower Parish	$6,647,887	$425,434	$1,730,093	$2,042,102	$567,267	$11,412,782
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	$530,557	$27,386	$155,056	$151,673	$180,908	$1,045,579
St. Justin - St. Mary Magdalen Parish	$115,569	$54,682	$112,915	$21,650	$21,453	$326,269
St. Lucy (Croatian) Parish	$32,869	$52,513	$89,189	$82,691	$12,301	$269,563
St. Mary Parish	$2,319,171	$146,491	$345,777	$472,969	$266,023	$3,550,432
St. Owen Parish	$542,527	$40,322	$130,069	$129,132	$8,712	$850,762
St. Regis Parish	$3,125,414	$303,789	$832,632	$1,059,043	$289,360	$5,610,238
St. Thomas More Parish	$529,623	$22,940	$205,253	$156,459	$150,713	$1,064,988
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish	$565,614	$15,025	$122,096	$145,666	$27,929	$876,330

Revenue and Expenses Trend

Fiscal Year	FY22/23			FY23/24			FY24/25		
Parish Name	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)
Christ Our Light Parish	$1,412,813	$1,166,279	$246,534	$1,554,700	$1,406,893	$147,808	$1,572,844	$1,450,305	$122,540
Guardian Angels Parish	$2,605,444	$2,714,793	($109,349)	$2,933,175	$2,863,263	$69,912	$3,203,150	$3,216,691	($13,541)
Holy Name Parish	$4,947,609	$5,108,364	($160,755)	$5,240,391	$5,065,418	$174,973	$5,713,566	$6,090,255	($376,689)
Our Lady of La Salette Parish	$601,485	$619,126	($17,641)	$535,868	$683,066	($147,198)	$538,095	$834,946	($296,851)
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish	$3,581,501	$4,603,507	($1,022,006)	$4,168,407	$4,205,894	($37,487)	$5,376,528	$4,434,472	$942,056
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	$614,069	$479,860	$134,209	$697,806	$450,506	$247,301	$587,608	$437,541	$150,067
Shrine of the Little Flower Parish	$11,756,613	$12,412,367	($655,754)	$14,106,469	$10,803,336	$3,303,133	$12,411,491	$11,412,782	$998,708
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	$950,368	$818,144	$132,223	$836,238	$1,013,722	($177,483)	$1,216,422	$1,045,579	$170,842
St. Justin - St. Mary Magdalen Parish	$502,346	$588,158	($85,812)	$277,474	$387,025	($109,551)	$231,111	$326,269	($95,158)
St. Lucy (Croatian) Parish	$203,099	$237,263	($34,164)	$232,239	$210,757	$21,483	$278,750	$269,563	$9,187
St. Mary Parish	$3,663,010	$3,367,147	$295,864	$3,414,480	$3,463,681	($49,201)	$3,367,425	$3,550,432	($183,007)
St. Owen Parish	$952,293	$846,832	$105,460	$810,501	$811,297	($796)	$890,327	$850,762	$39,564
St. Regis Parish	$5,672,487	$6,037,104	($364,617)	$6,797,903	$6,213,416	$584,488	$6,020,443	$5,610,238	$410,205
St. Thomas More Parish	$1,141,308	$1,100,215	$41,093	$941,375	$1,043,109	($101,734)	$1,023,755	$1,064,988	($41,233)
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish	$639,082	$769,516	($130,434)	$743,528	$793,743	($50,215)	$741,296	$876,330	($135,034)

Asset & Liability Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Unrestricted Cash/Savings	Restricted Savings	Bills Due	Payable Loans	Net Equity
Christ Our Light Parish	$1,980,231	$0	$9,580	$0	$1,969,540
Guardian Angels Parish	$1,356,997	$0	$0	$0	$1,696,281
Holy Name Parish	$3,293,659	$222,421	$334,328	$0	$2,138,313
Our Lady of La Salette Parish	$821,561	$10,597	$1,744	$0	$831,685
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish	$1,592,261	$695,606	$125,270	$0	$1,412,578
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	$610,334	$0	$9,603	$0	$2,122,216
Shrine of the Little Flower Parish	$5,127,698	$1,649,821	$20,019	$0	$3,401,655
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	$1,308,159	$0	($0)	$0	$1,273,011
St. Justin - St. Mary Magdalen Parish	$198,080	$33,456	$600	$0	$200,663
St. Lucy (Croatian) Parish	$409,532	$0	$573	$0	$409,361
St. Mary Parish	$1,532,500	$0	$1,145	$0	$1,287,812
St. Owen Parish	$1,088,181	$0	$261	$0	$1,079,103
St. Regis Parish	$3,331,949	$0	$62,661	$0	$2,609,117
St. Thomas More Parish	$2,214,242	$39,481	$76	$0	$1,887,829
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish	$4,433,347	$0	$0	$0	$4,433,354

Section Three

Shrine of the Little Flower Parish

Royal Oak

Parish History

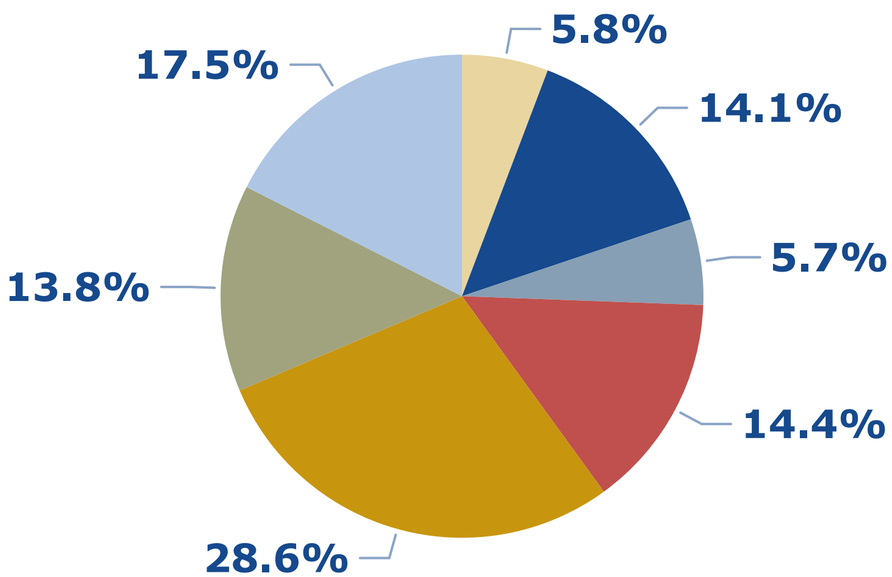
The Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica was founded by Bishop Gallagher in 1926 as the first parish in the United States dedicated to St. Therese of Lisieux. Although the original wooden church was destroyed by fire in 1936, the current Art Deco structure had already been constructed between 1929 and 1936. The parish was designated a National Shrine in 1998 and was elevated to the status of Minor Basilica in 2014.

Inspired by the spirit of St. Therese, the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica seeks to lead all members of its community to an encounter with Christ, to foster growth in His love, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others. The parish is known for its strong community ties, legacy families connected through its schools, and a deeply rooted family identity. It features a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration chapel and is affiliated with Catholic educational institutions including Shrine Grade School and Shrine High School and Academy.

US Census Data (Parish Boundary)

Age

- Under 5
- 5-19
- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-54
- 55-64
- 65+



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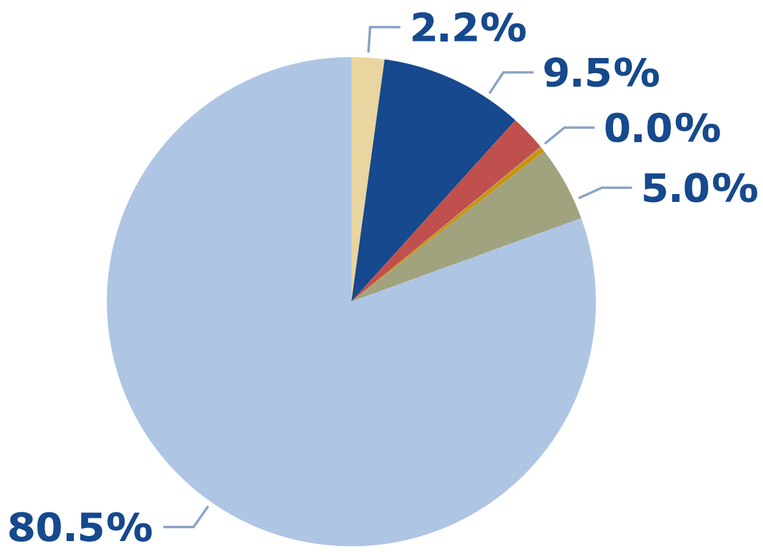
Median Age

Race/Ethnicity

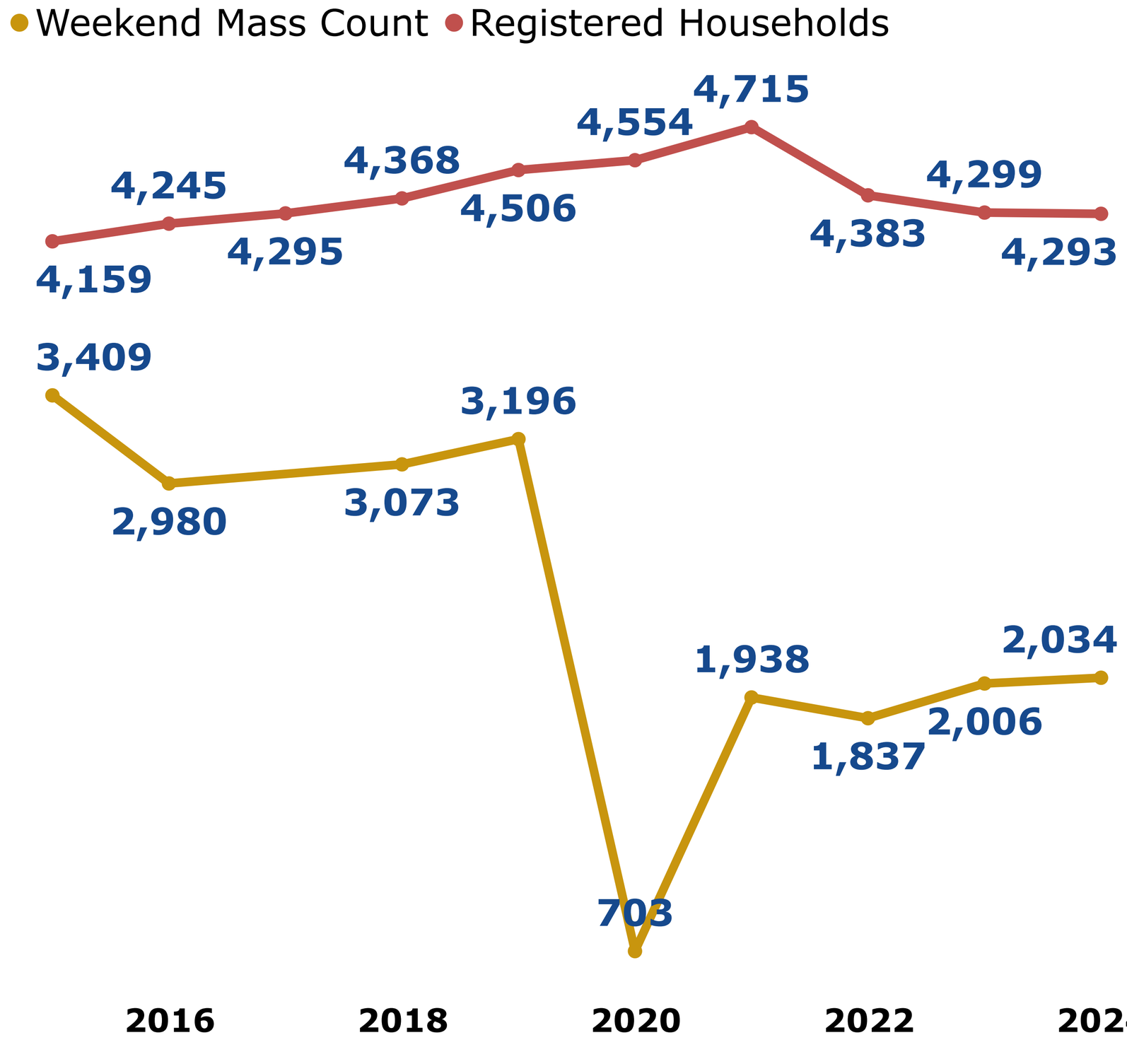
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- Other Race
- Two or More Races
- White



17,235
Total Population

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

Worshipping Households



Number of worship sites

1

Number of weekend masses

6

Seating capacity

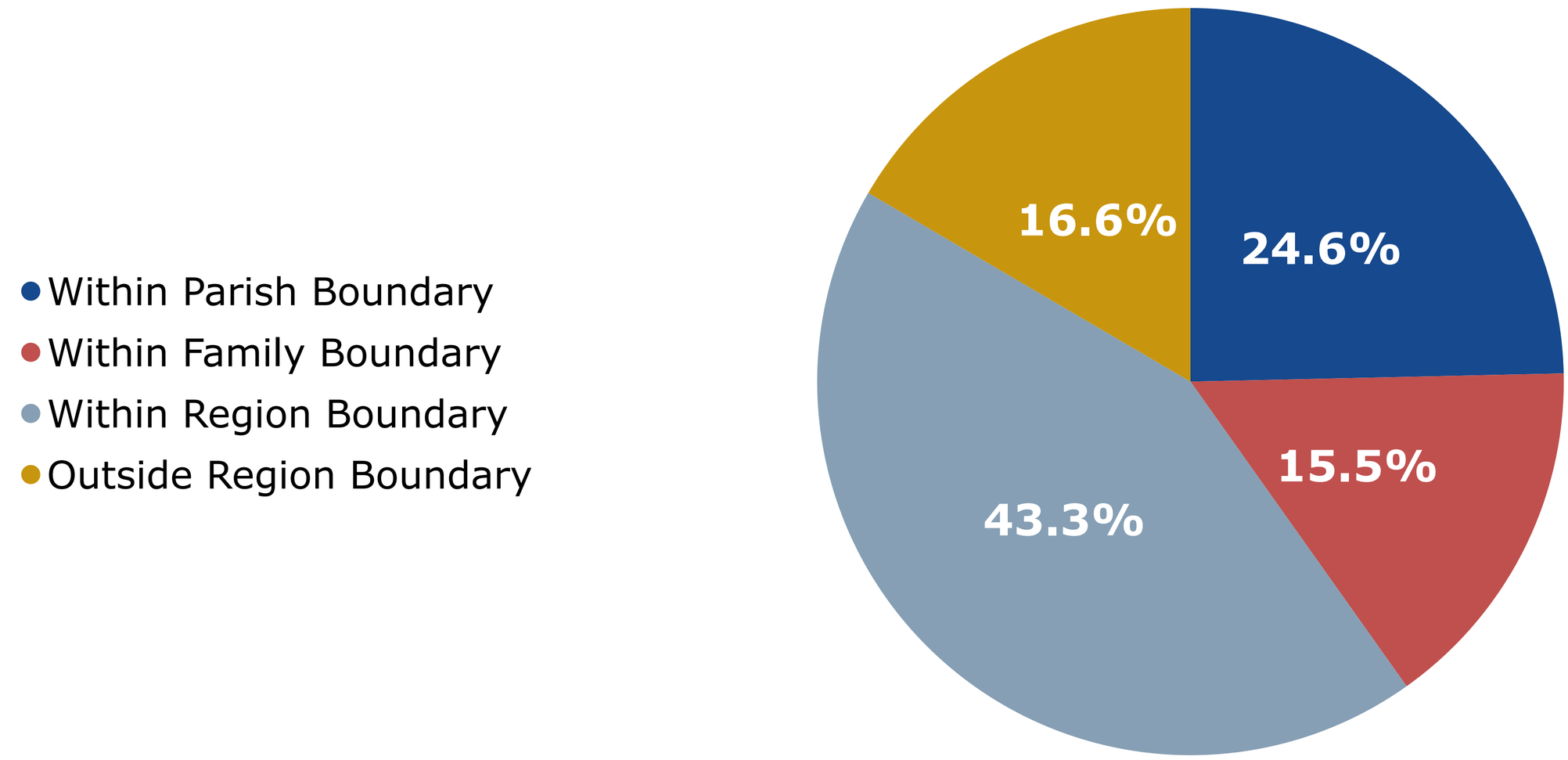
2000

Mass attendance as a percent of capacity

17%

Source: ParishSoft and Parish Reported to AOD

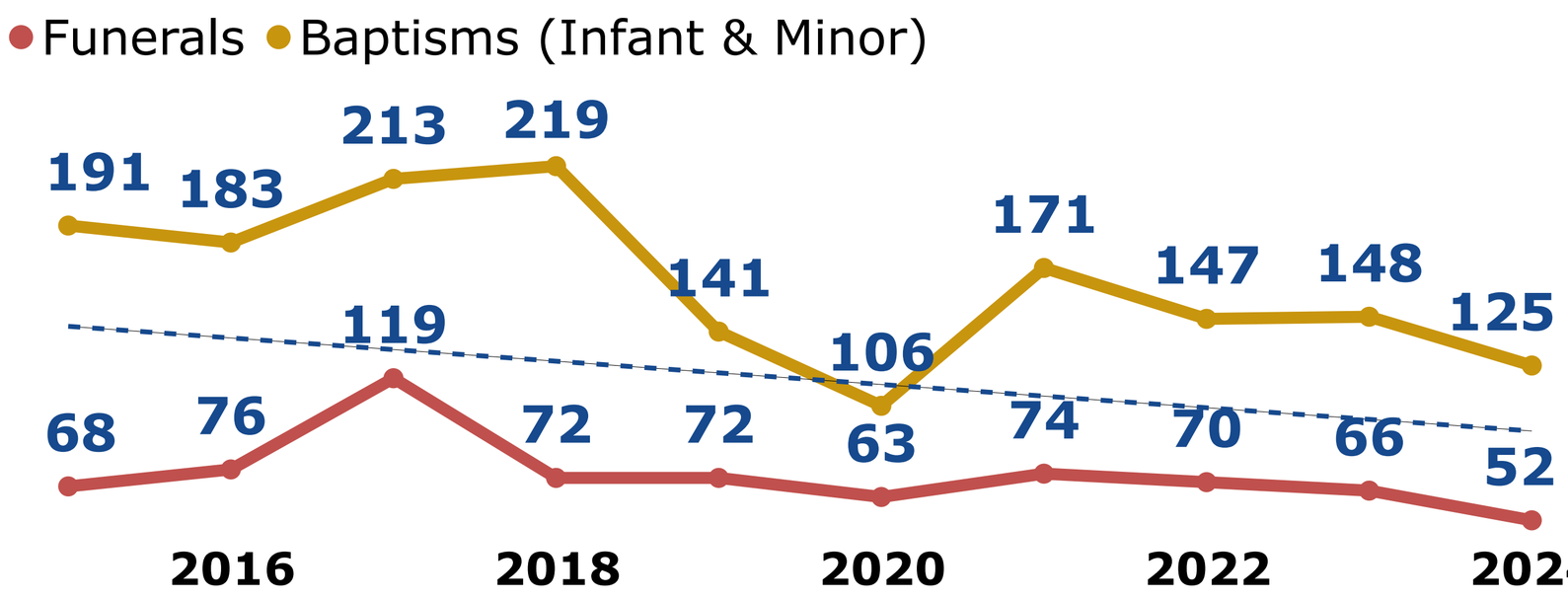
Where Parishioners Live



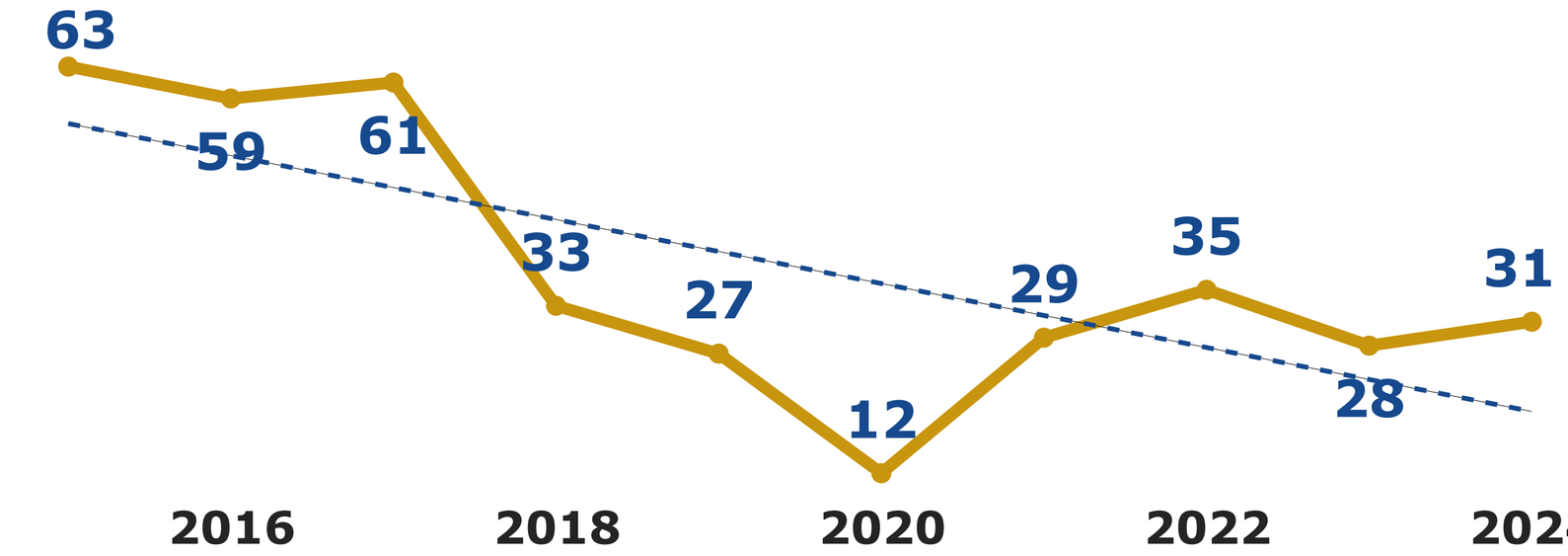
Source: ParishSoft

Sacraments of Life Trend

Funerals and Baptisms



Marriage Trend



Percent Change 2015-2024

Funerals
-23.5%

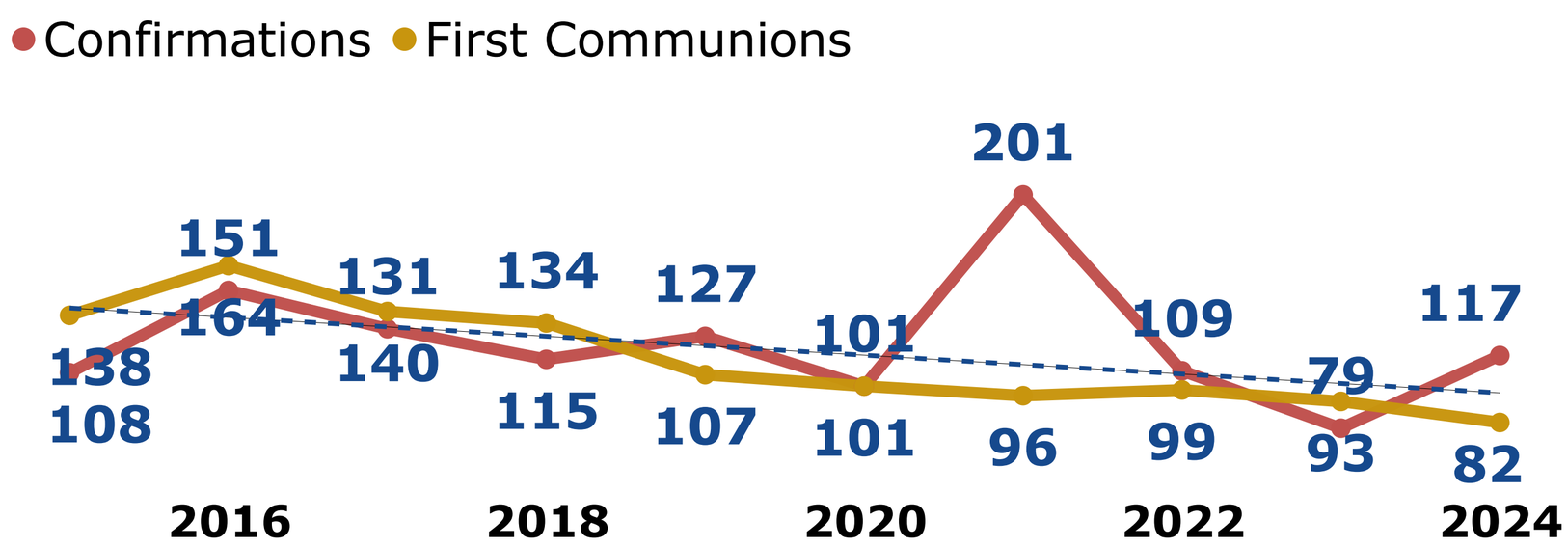
Infant & Minor Baptisms
-34.6%

Marriages
-50.8%

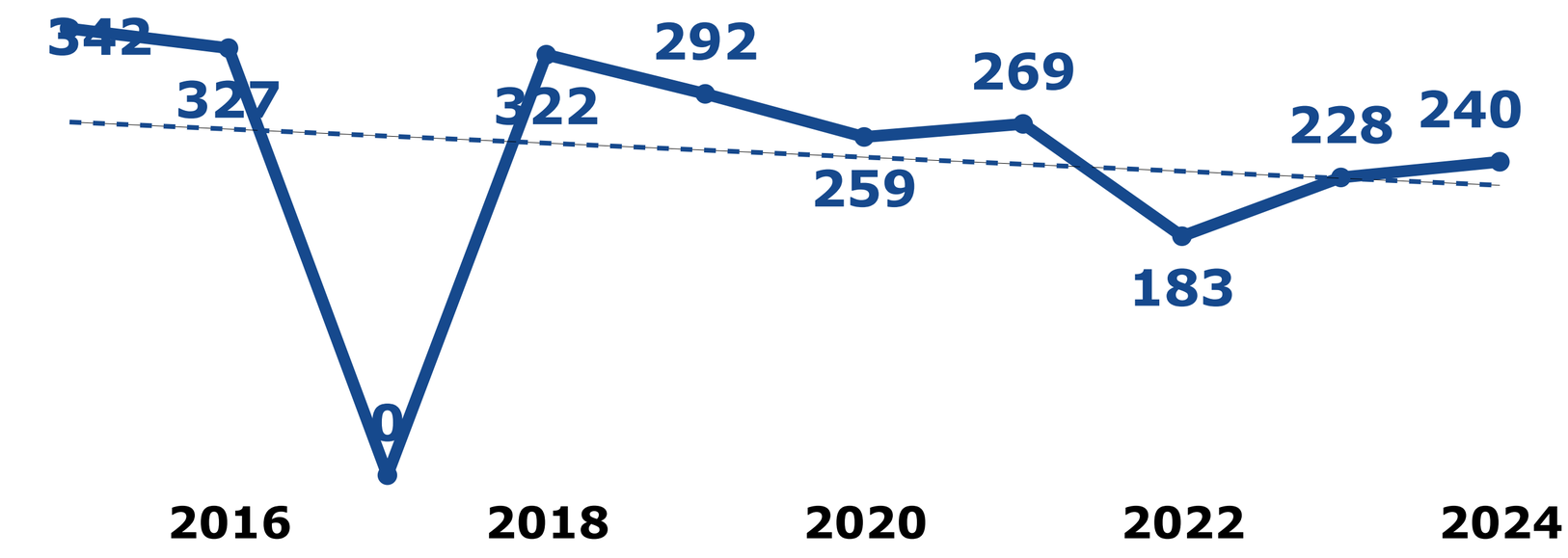
Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Youth Evangelization

Sacramental Trend



Religious Education Enrollment



*Parishes with a school may have included school religious education in the total enrollment number

Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Percent Change 2015-2024

Confirmations
8.3%

First Communions
-40.6%

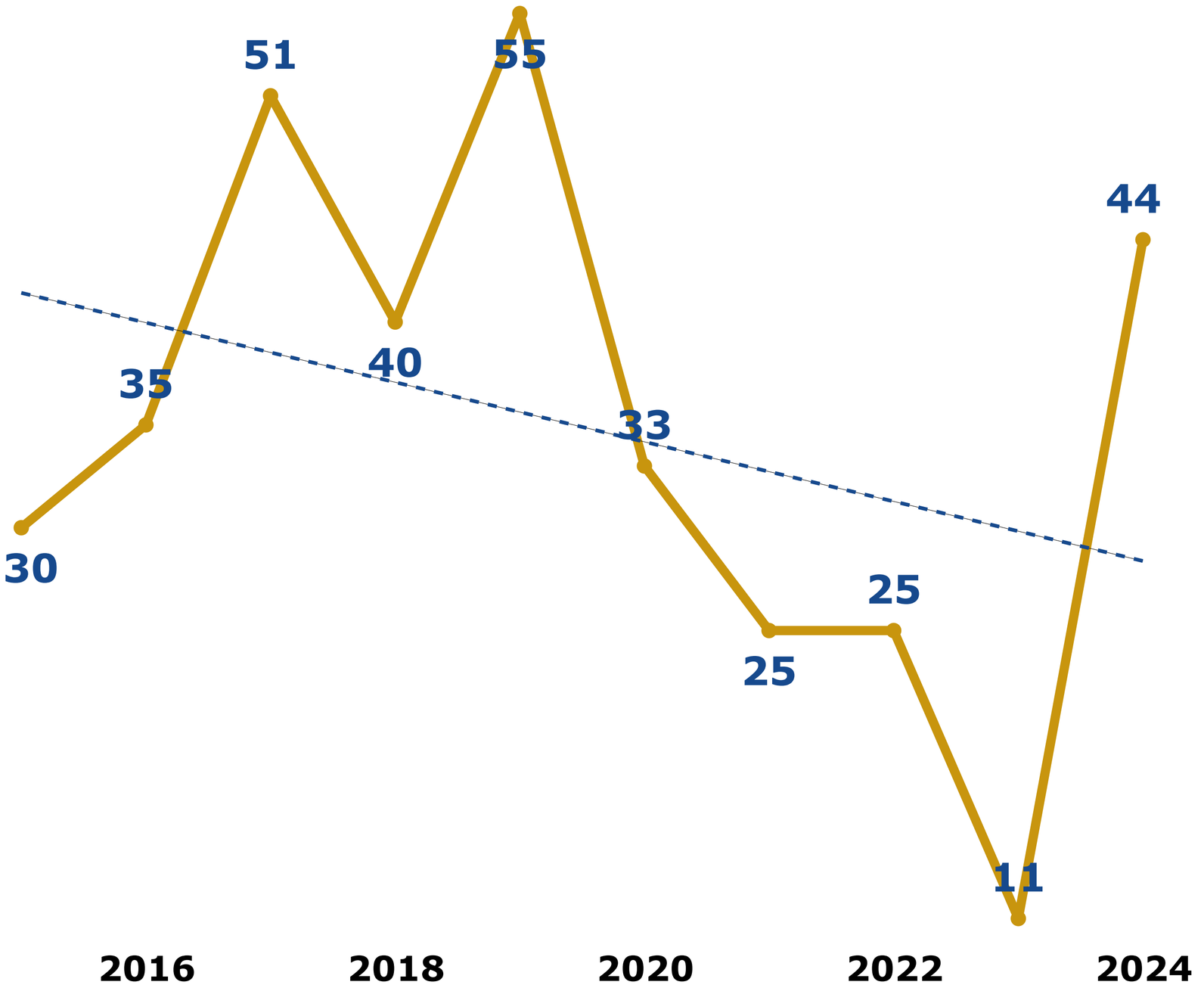
Religious Education
-29.8%

Note: Sacraments may have been registered in another parish hosting a FOP combined event

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Trend

Total Full Communions, Catechumens, Adult Baptisms



Percent Change 2015-2024

Adult Sacraments

46.7%

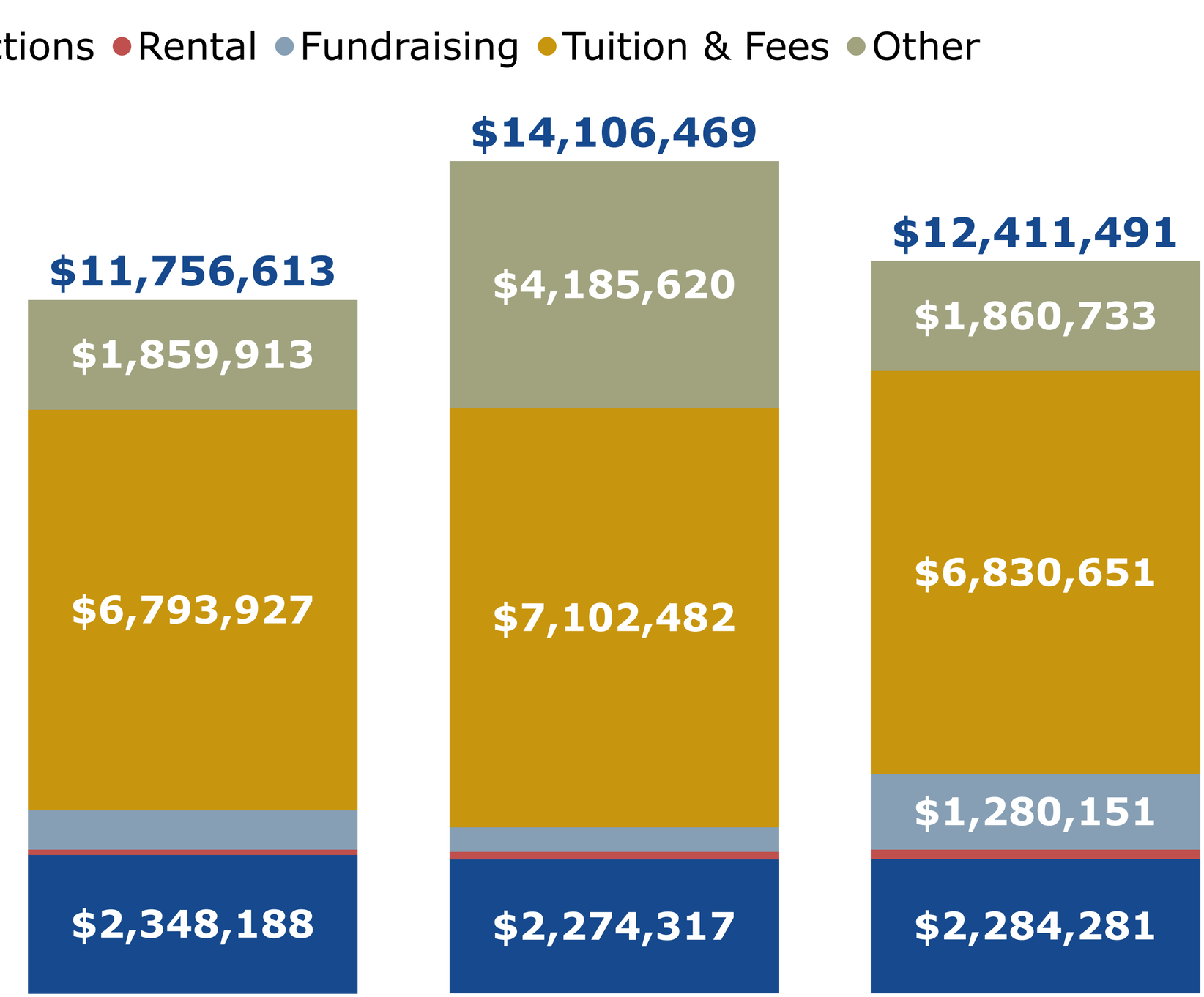
Note: Sacraments may have been registered in another parish hosting a FOP combined event

Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Definitions of data fields appearing on the following pages are provided below.
Financial information as reported by Intacct on June 30th of the last three fiscal years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). If a data point is zero (0), then the parish experiences zero or did not submit information.

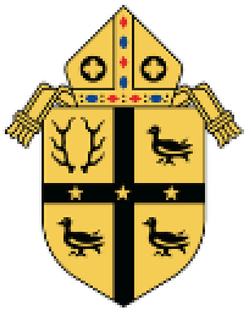
Collections: Funds received as weekly offerings (envelopes, online, loose), Christmas, Holy Days and other marked offerings given.
Other Revenue: All other Operating and Non-Operating funds received, such as donations, event fees, and interest.
Salary & Benefits Expense: Costs related to employee compensation, including wages, payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, and other benefits.
Contractor Expense: Costs related to contractors providing a service to the parish/school, such as Administrative Services and Janitorial.
Facilities Expense: Costs related to building expenses, utilities, and telecommunications.
Other Expense: All other operating expenses not included in the previous categories.
Capital Expense: Costs related to major repairs, renovations and other major building related purchases.
Net Income: Total Revenue minus Total Expenses (includes both Operating and Non-Operating).
Parish Subsidy: Calculated based on the net loss for the school operating unit (Elementary and/or High School).
Parish Tuition Scholarships: Funds donated to an external Catholic school for the purpose of student scholarships.
Cash: The reconciled checking account balance.
Unrestricted Savings: The sum of the unrestricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Endowments: Long-Term investments for the purpose of generating interest income to support operations over time. The endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution.
Donor Restricted Trust: The sum of the restricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Bills Due: Amounts owed to vendors for goods and services received/ordered by not yet paid for.
Payable Loans: Amounts owed to lenders or financial institutions (Archdiocese of Detroit) that must be repaid over time, often with interest.
Other Liabilities: Other amounts owed by the parish/school, including any tuition collected prior to the start of the school year.

Revenue | 3 Year Trend

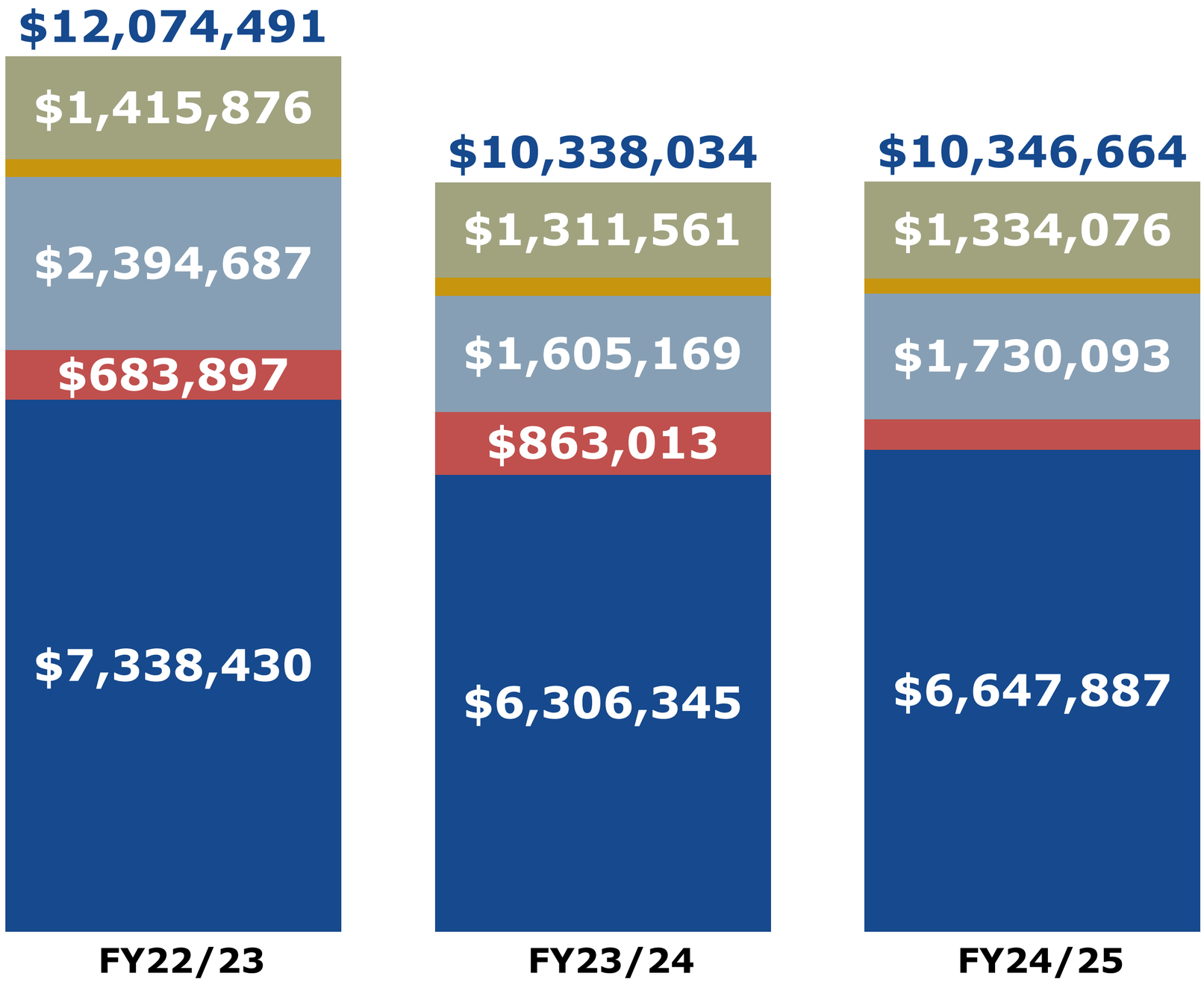


Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Operating Expenses | 3 Year Trend



● Salary & Benefits ● Contractors ● Facilities ● AOD Assessment ● Other



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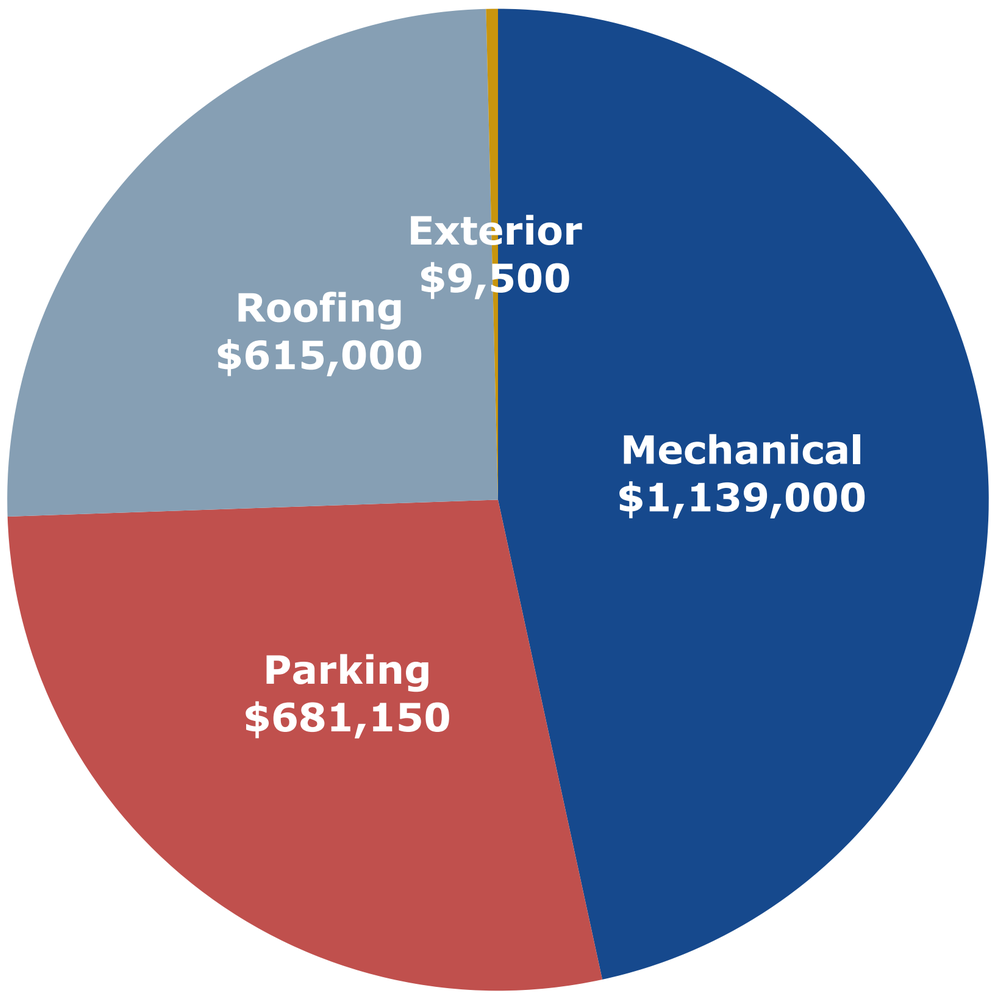
Parish Deferred Maintenance

Maintenance Required

$2,444,650

Total Estimated Cost



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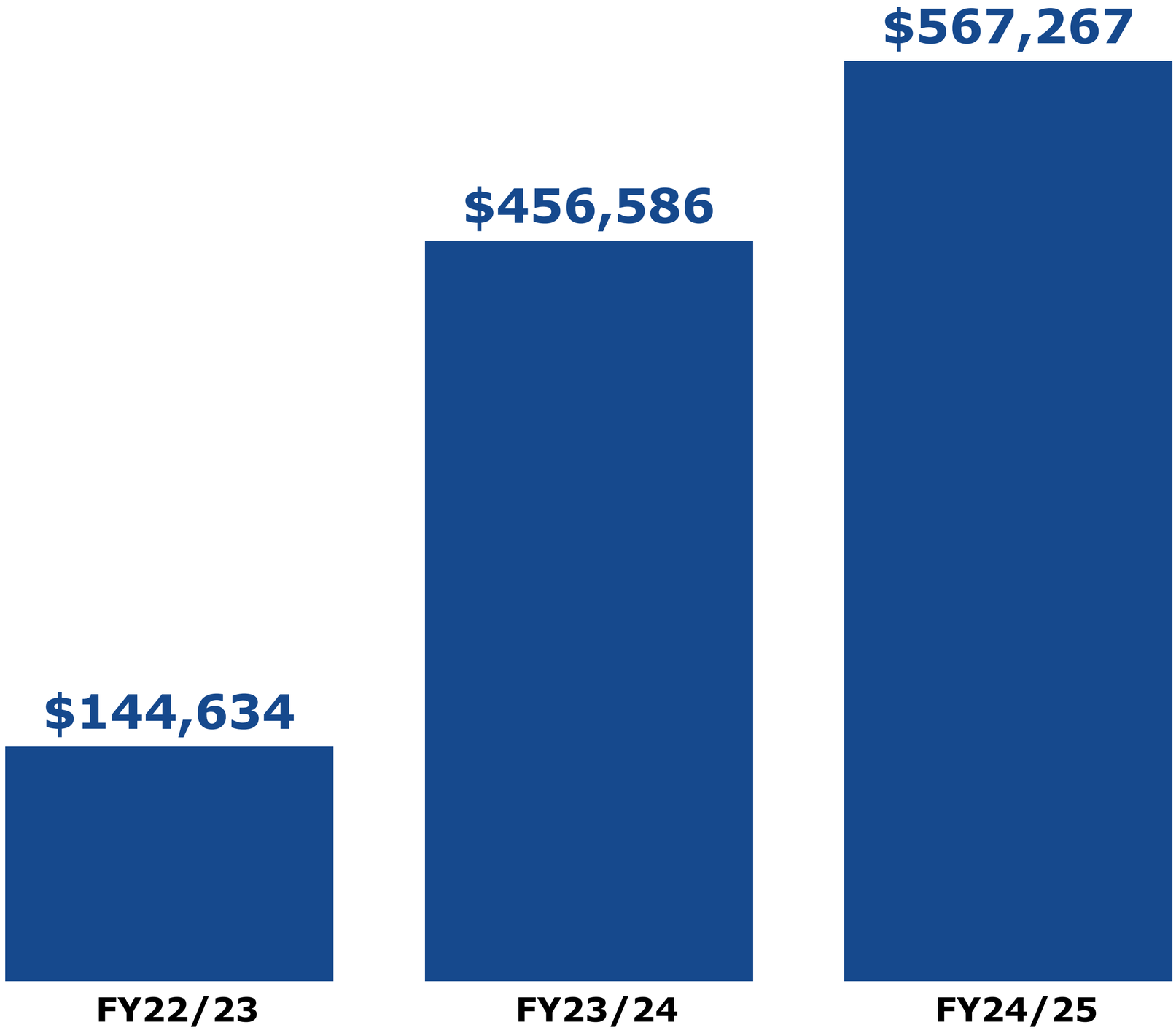
Evaluation Report Date

Source: Property Condition Evaluation

Capital Expenses | 3 Year Trend



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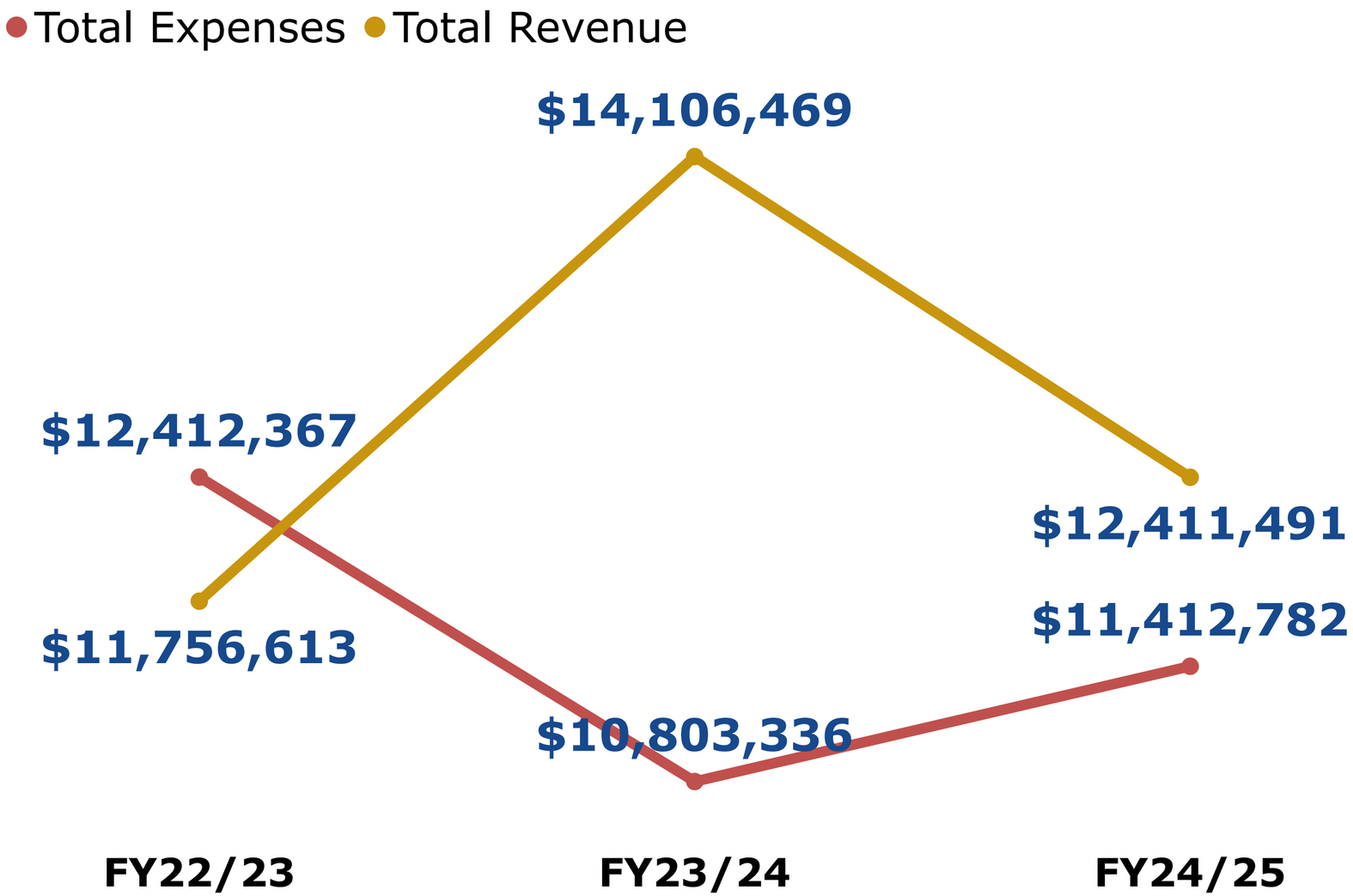
Revenue and Expenses



Net Income/(Deficit)

FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25
($655,754)	$3,303,133	$998,708

The relationship between revenue and expense shows net surplus/(deficit).

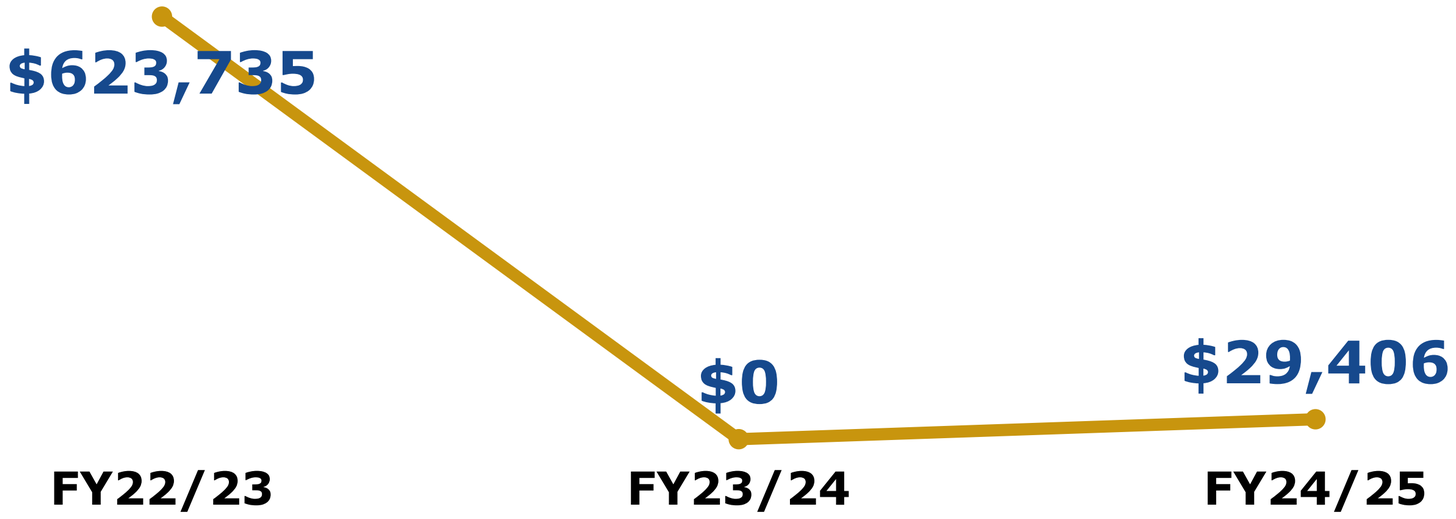
A higher yellow line (revenue) shows a positive net income in a given year.

A higher red line (expense) shows a negative net income in a given year.

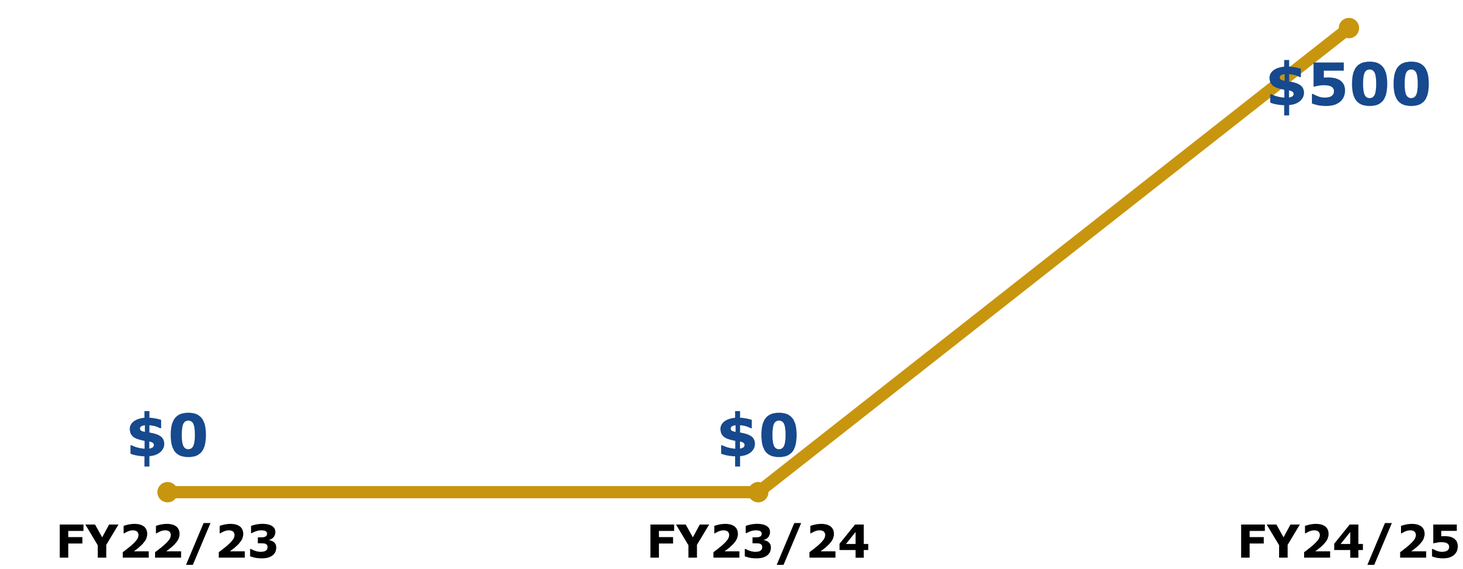
Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Catholic Education Investment

Parish Subsidy for Catholic School



Parish Tuition Scholarships



Parish subsidies fill the gap between tuition and school operating expenses for parishes with a school.

Parish Tuition Scholarships are parish funds used to help cover tuition costs for students attending Catholic Schools outside of the parish.

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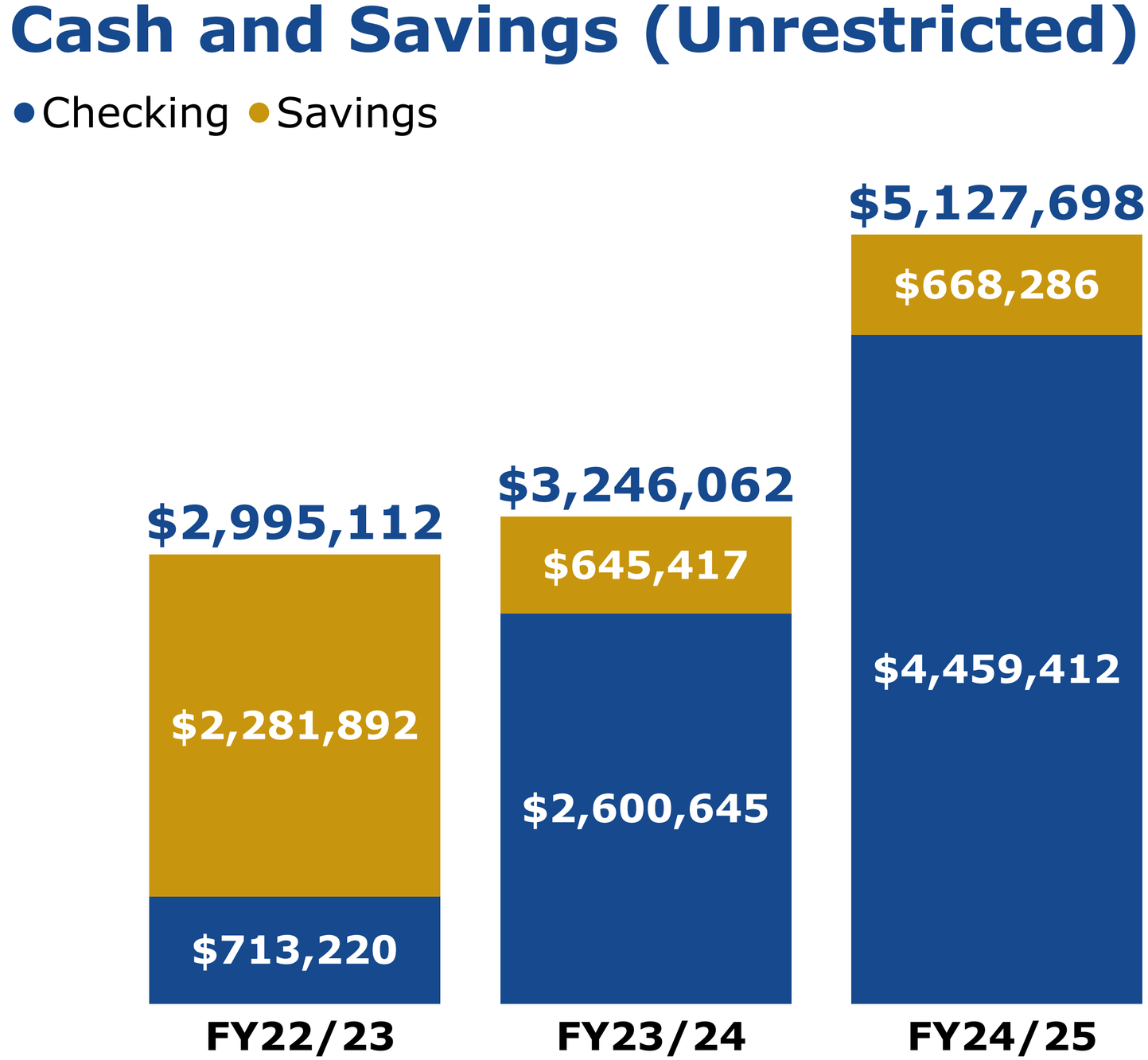
Savings & Investments Keys for Sustainability

Cash and Savings (Unrestricted)



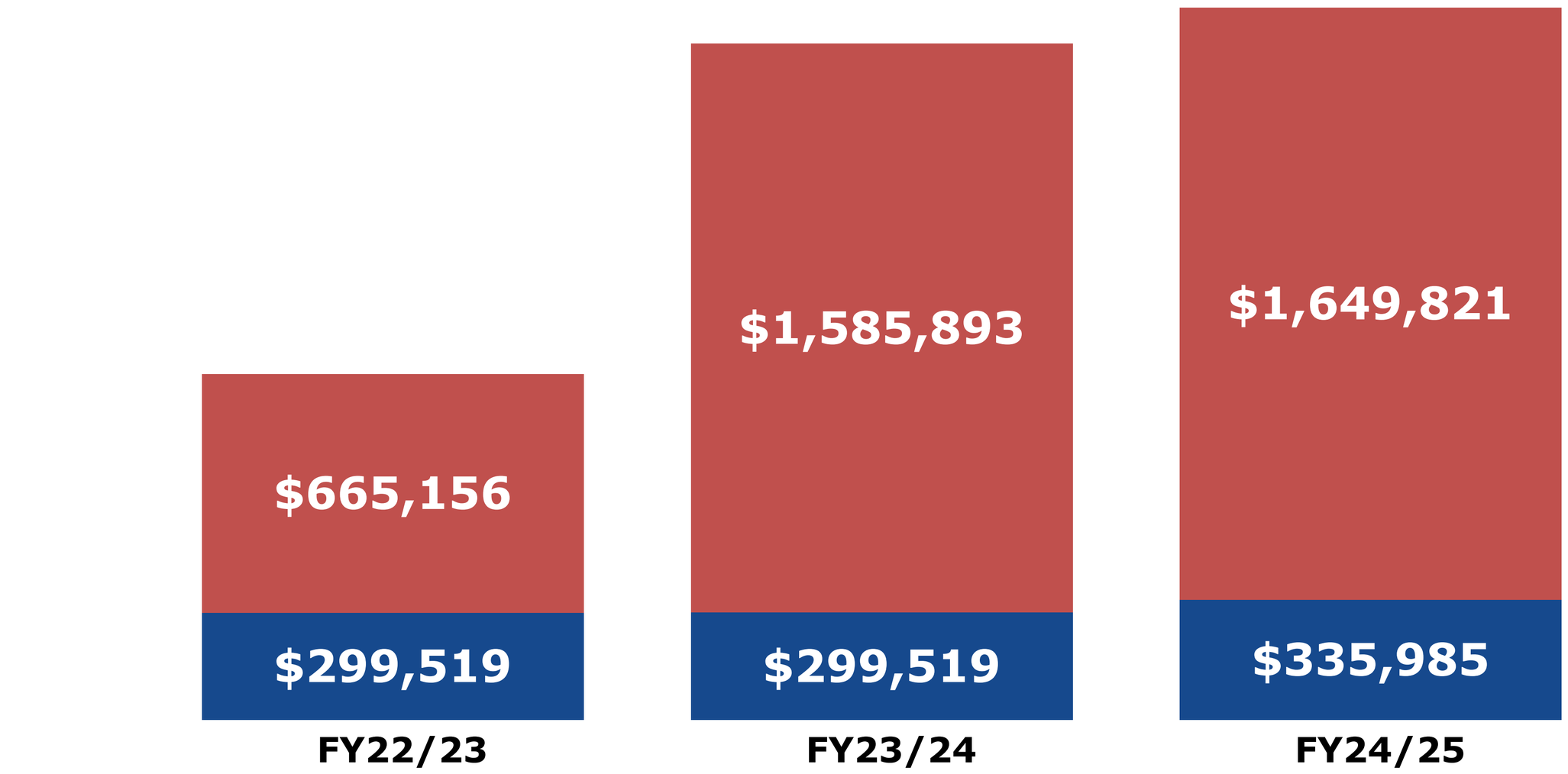
An increase of cash and savings usually means the parish is doing well financially. It also means they are better prepared to handle surprise costs or tough times.

If cash and savings goes down, it may mean a parish is spending more, or collecting less. Having less cash can make it harder to deal with unexpected expenses. Sometimes, this drop is planned—like using savings for big projects or repairs.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Savings & Investments Keys for Sustainability

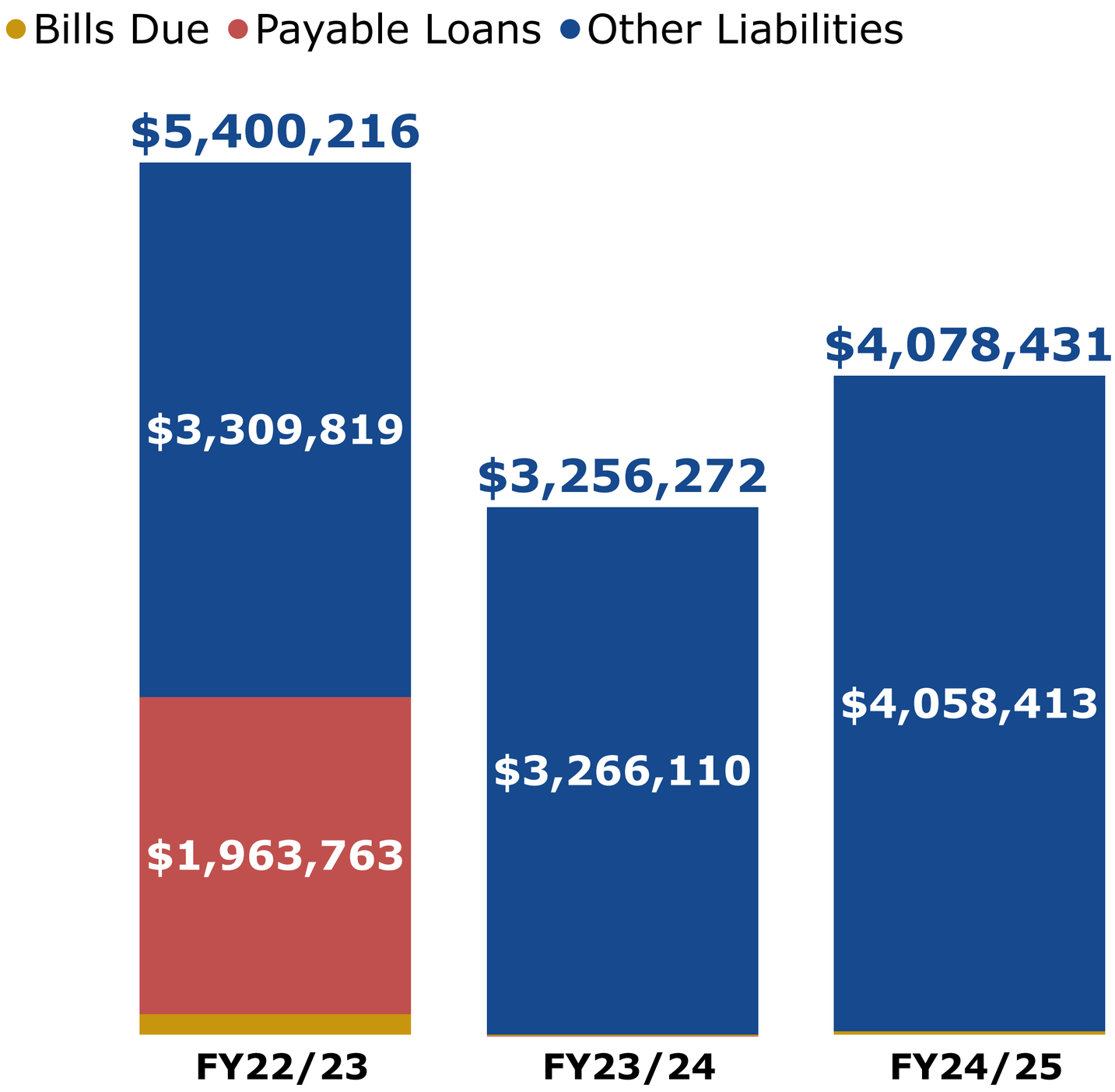
Savings & Endowments (Restricted)



Note: AOD Endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Debts and Liabilities



Debt going up, may mean a parish is having trouble with money or not bringing in enough cash. More debt also means more risk, especially if income isn't growing.

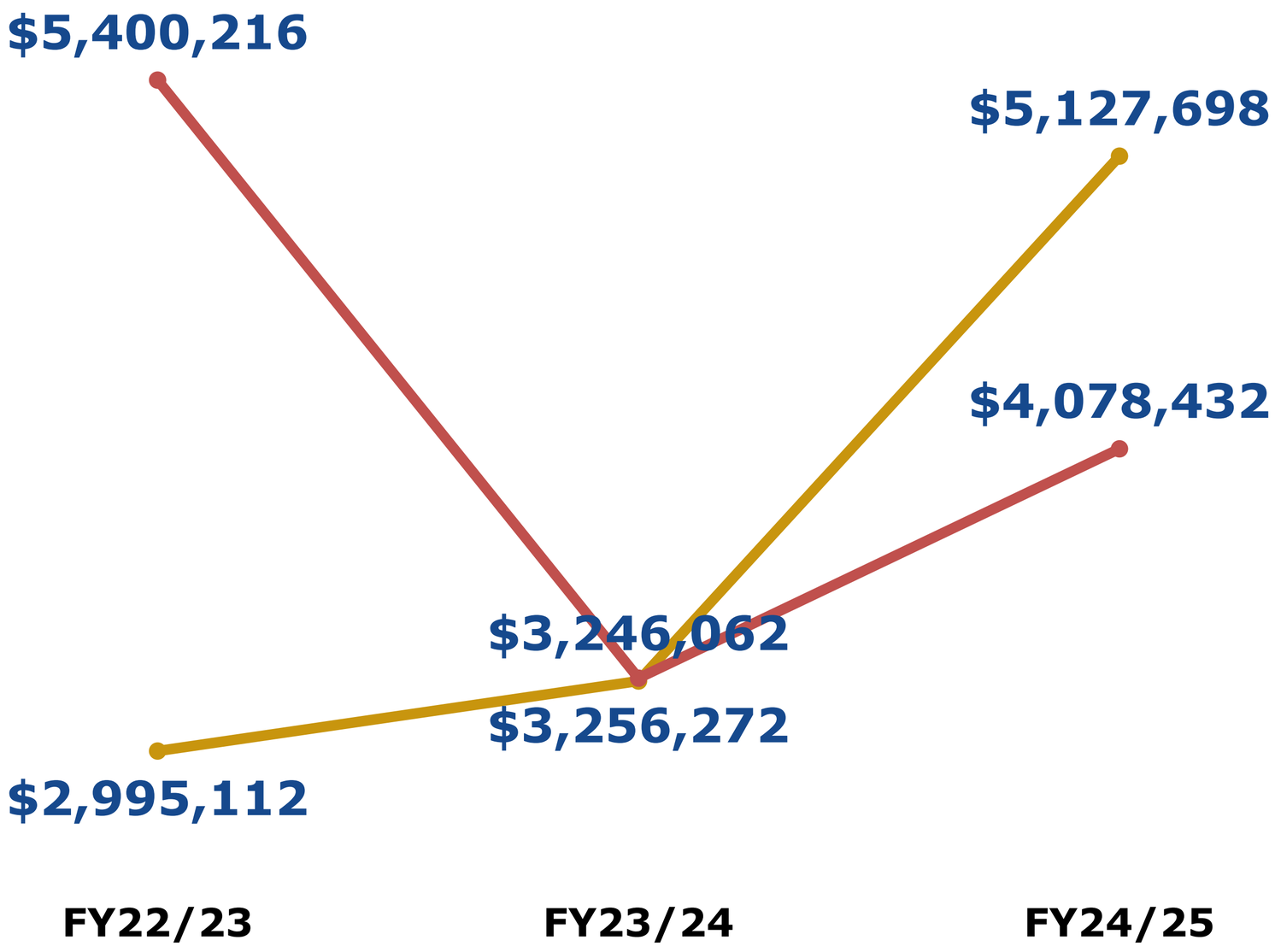
If debt is going down, that's usually a good sign. It means the parish is paying off what it owes and becoming more financially stable. It could also mean they're spending wisely and managing money better.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Assets and Liabilities

Relationship of Assets and Liabilities

● Unrestricted Cash/Savings ● Debt/Liabilities



The relationship between your Assets and Liabilities shows your net equity (net surplus/deficit) over time.

A higher **yellow** line (Unrestricted Cash/Savings) shows your parish holds more cash than you owe out.

A higher **red** line (liabilities) shows you owe more out than your parish holds in cash.

Note: Cash does not include any funds due, but not yet paid (e.g. Tuition Receivable)

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Contextual Comments

In the past, Shrine often celebrated sacraments without much emphasis on ongoing involvement in parish life. In recent years, we've taken a more intentional approach, inviting those seeking sacraments to reflect on their desire to become active, participating members of the Shrine community. This helps ensure that the sacraments are celebrated within a context of faith and belonging.

Over the past two years, we have updated our parish records to reflect our active community. This included removing names of parishioners who have passed away, moved outside our boundaries, or no longer have a connection with Shrine. While this process may make it seem that our numbers have declined, in reality, our parish family has continued to grow steadily over the past several years.

The Mass count decreased related to two Sunday Masses being eliminated several years ago. The decrease demonstrates that when Masses are eliminated, parishioners do not simply go to another Mass at the same church -- they will find a church that is suitable to their schedule. In addition, some parishioners feel alienated when Mass times that were offered for many years are suddenly terminated.